

STEAMER LINER SUNK; MANY LIVES LOST

THE AMERICANS ON WARD TORPEDOED SHIP

h Steamer Persia Sent to
ottom in Mediterranean With
ge Lost of Life

hish steamship Persia, en-
service between London and
has been sunk in the Medi-
apparently with a large loss
London despatches state that
the passengers and men on
were lost. Three Ameri-
cans, including the American consul at
Gibraltar, Robert McNeely, sailed
London on the vessel, although
it is believed to have de-
stroyed. Unofficial reports
at 231 passengers, including 57
and 25 children, embarked on
at London and Marseilles.

So far as is reported, there has been
no recrudescence of activity on the
Peano-Holman front. In the east
heavy fighting continues in eastern
Gallia, but the situation there remains
as obscure as it has been since the
beginning of the operations which Pet-
rograd expects will lead to important
results.

An official Russian communication
discusses this situation with the re-
mark that desperate engagements have
been fought at some places.

In Persia the Russian expedition
is meeting with increasing opposi-
tion. Continued to page seven

BIG FIRE IN LUMBER DISTRICT

Damage of About \$100,000 to Pratt &
Forrest, Brooks and Other Firms—
Entire Fire Department Engaged—
Origin Unknown

A general alarm fire which started
about 5.30 o'clock last night in the
property of the A. L. Brooks Co. at the
corner of Fletcher and Dutton streets
occupied principally by the Pratt &
Forrest Co. and by several other wood-
working concerns, burning until well
into this morning, causing damage es-
timated at nearly \$100,000. The first
alarm from box 121, Western avenue,
was rung in at 5.33 o'clock. Five min-
utes later a general alarm was sound-
ed and it was not until 5.55 o'clock this
morning that Fire Chief Saunders or-
dered the "all out" signal sent in.

Today insurance agents and special
adjusters made an inventory of the
property in an effort to adjust the loss.
A conservative estimate of the dam-
age to the buildings was placed at
\$60,000. Members of the firm of Pratt
& Forrest, whose lumber mill was lo-
cated in one of the doomed buildings,
stated that their loss would probably
reach \$25,000, their whole stock being
wiped out.

The John Trimp & Co. roll covers,
sustained a loss of \$2,000. W. K.
Aldrich, manufacturer of hand screws,
places his loss at over \$1500 and John

B. Caddell's pattern making establish-
ment was damaged to the extent of
more than \$500. Other occupants of ad-
joining premises whose stock and fur-
niture were damaged by smoke and
water are A. E. Johnson, patternmak-
er; I. O. Adams, furniture manufac-
turer; the Lowell Casket Co., the Mer-
rimack Laundry and Swift & Bally,
whose stables are nearby. All were in-
sured.

Fire Difficult to Fight
The fire was the worst that the local
firemen have been called upon to
combat in years. When the alarm was
sounded a section of the main build-
ing was a mass of roaring flames and
the blaze spread through the building
as though it was so much kindling
wood. Always a fire trap, this lumber
section never made better fuel for
flames than it did last night and the
whole interior of the three story
building was like a furnace from 5.40
o'clock until long after midnight.

The fire was undoubtedly discovered
by someone passing along Dutton
street as the alarm was rung in from
the box on Western avenue, near the

car tracks. Had the blaze been seen
in the rear of the building, where it
is believed to have started, the Lib-
erty square box would have been
much nearer. Chief Saunders was at
the Fletcher street engine house when
the alarm sounded and upon leaving
the door for his machine he discovered
the flames and realized that a hard
battle was ahead. Immediately upon
arriving at the scene he rang in a gen-
eral alarm from box 151, summoning
every piece of fire apparatus in the
city.

In Brick Building
The three story brick building on
Dutton street, just around the corner
from Fletcher, was then a seething
furnace, the flames bursting through
all the windows and climbing from the
bottom to the top of the building.
Heavy clouds of black smoke poured
from the building into Dutton and
Fletcher streets making it difficult for
the fire fighters to work quickly.

With the fire department gathered
thousands of spectators attracted by
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STATISTICS FOR YEAR IN CITY DEPARTMENTS

Building Department Shows Prog-
ress—Infant Mortality Greater—
Death Rate—Inauguration

Lowell's prosperity, her increase in
business and general confidence for
the future is reflected in a great many
ways and places throughout the city,
and another new and welcome light
was thrown upon it this morning when
Joseph Bourke, head clerk in the de-
partment of public property, submit-
ted figures showing an increase in the
total estimated valuations, as indicat-
ed by the building permits, of \$457,-
756 over last year's total, the total for
1915 being \$1,231,310 in 1915 as against
\$773,554 in 1914.

Peddlers of Confectionery
Warren, J. Riordan, assessor of
weights and measures, is in receipt of
a communication from Thure Hanson,
state commissioner, relative to the li-
censing of peddlers of confectionery in
which it is stated that all persons go-
ing from place to place within the
city limits must have a special city
license, and if selling or exposing for
sale confectionery outside the city he
must have a special state license, and
this applies to wholesalers as well as
retailers. The city license costs \$25 and
the state \$50.

The Inaugural Exercises
The following is a copy of the of-
ficial program for the inaugural ex-
ercises on Monday:
His Honor, the mayor, the mayor-
elect and aldermen, Rev. Lawrence J.
Tighe, O.M.F., and Judge Enright will
assemble in the reception room and
from there will march to the alder-
manic chamber.
Mayor Murphy will call the meeting
to order and the city clerk will call
the roll for 1915.
Immediately Judge Enright will ad-
minister the oath of office to the may-
or-elect and the aldermen-elect.

After the oath of office has been
given, Mayor Murphy and the mayor-
elect will change seats.
Rev. Fr. Tighe will then offer
prayer. The mayor-elect, and mayor in
fact will then deliver his inaugural
address. Then the municipal council may take
a recess to such a time as they shall
designate.

More Infant Deaths
Notwithstanding the fact that
thousands of dollars are being spent
for the purpose of instructing
mothers in the care of infants, the
total number of deaths of children
under one year was greater in 1915
than in 1914, the total number for
1915 being 458, as against 427, for
1914. The board of health and the
Lowell Guild have tried hard to edu-
cate mothers relative to the care of
babies, through cards and other
literature. The district nurses have
also assisted in educating the
mothers, but despite all this the num-
ber of deaths are increasing. As
soon as the report of a birth reaches
the board of health office a card con-
taining information concerning the
case of babies, and the proper food
for them, is sent to the home, and
while the board of health regrets ex-
ceedingly the increase in the number
of deaths, it feels that it has done
its full duty.

Contagious Diseases
The total number of deaths for the
year 1915 was 1513 and the number
of deaths of children under one year
was 458, so that the number of
deaths of infants represented more
than 25 per cent of the total. The
total number of deaths for the year
1914 was 1768, or 47 less than in
1915, and the average death rate for
1915 was 17.08, as compared with
16.63 for 1914.

The total number of contagious dis-
ease cases reported at the board of
health office for the years 1914 and
1915 was as follows:

Diphtheria	1914	1915
Scarlet fever	147	127
Typhoid fever	55	112
Membranous croup	7	9
Measles	551	164
Infantile paralysis	7	12
Tuberculosis	163	212
Cerebro spinal meningitis	15	6

The total number of deaths from
contagious diseases was as follows:

Diphtheria	1914	1915
Scarlet fever	24	21
Typhoid fever	11	18
Membranous croup	2	4
Measles	10	6
Infantile paralysis	3	3
Tuberculosis	126	131

Bacteriological Department
The number of cultures examined by
Dr. T. B. Smith, the city bacteriologist,
was 1167 as against 929 in 1914. The

**STEAMER ON WAY TO NEW
YORK WITH DISABLED THES-
SALONIKI**
NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—A mes-
sage from an unidentified steamer,
picked up by the radio station here
early today, stated that she had taken
the disabled steamer Thessaloniki in
tow and was proceeding to New York.
Because of weather conditions, the
name of the vessel and her position
could not be learned.

The message said that the Thessa-
loniki was short of "steaming water"
which indicated serious engine trou-
ble. The weather along the coast was
thick and the radio station had great
difficulty in reading the message. The
coast guard cutter Seneca had reported
during the night that she was still
trying to locate the Thessaloniki, but
had been unable to get in touch with
her.

The steamer Moritz has been
searching for the disabled vessel since
early yesterday but it was not known
here whether she was the vessel
which reported that she had reached
the Thessaloniki. The radio station
continued its efforts to get further
advice and to learn the identity of
the steamer from which the message
was sent.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP LOST
LONDON, Jan. 1, 10.16 a. m.—The
British steamer Abella has been sunk.

The Abella was a new steamship,
having been built last year. She was
350 feet long, of 2550 tons gross and
was owned in London.

The Abella sailed Dec. 2 from Bom-
bay for Hull. This route would take
her through the Suez canal and it is
not unlikely that she was torpedoed in
the eastern Mediterranean where the
Persia and a number of other vessels
have been sunk.

ENGLAND'S WAR FINANCE
Exchange Bonds Made Available to
Small Investors—Minimum Amount
Formerly 1000 Pounds
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Another step in
Great Britain's war finance has been
taken by making exchequer bonds
available to small investors. Hitherto
these bonds have only been issued at
the minimum amount of £1000, suitable
for bankers and financiers.

HEARING, ON JAN. 11

**SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR AR-
GUMENTS ON MANDAMUS PETI-
TION IN DUMMER ST. MATTER**

Lawyer O'Connor has been notified
that there will be a hearing before a
justice of the supreme court Boston on
Tuesday, January 11 on the petition
for a writ of mandamus in the Dum-
mer street extension proceedings.

EIGHT NEPHEWS IN WAR
John T. Whitaker, keeper at the po-
lice station, has eight nephews en-
gaged in the European war, and his
wife is in receipt of a letter from her
sister, Mrs. Mary Watson, of Notting-
ham, Eng., in which it is stated that
four boys of Mrs. Watson went to the
front. Three have returned home in-
jured, and the fourth has not been
heard from for some time. Mr. Whit-
aker's two brothers, James and Robert,
have also two sons each in the
British army.

Mrs. Watson in her letter to her
Lowell sister states that practically all
the women of England are kept busy
sewing for the soldiers. The women
sew from morning till night and in
this manner greatly help in keeping
the soldiers well clothed.

HENRY JAMES, AUTHOR, HONORED
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The announcement
that King George in conferring, new
year's honors had bestowed the decora-
tion of the Order of Merit on Henry
James, the author, who renounced his
American citizenship last July and be-
came a British subject, recalls the fact
that there are but eleven civilian mem-
bers of this order. Among these are
Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Viscount
Bryce, Thomas Hardy, the novelist;
Sir George Trevelyan and Viscount
Haldane. The order was instituted as
a mark of special distinction for naval
or military service or for work in art,
literature and science.

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DEATHS OF VETERANS

**SUPR. WORTHEN OF THE STATE AID
GIVES OUT LIST OF 30 FOR THE
YEAR 1915**

Thirty-nine veterans of the Civil war
died in Lowell in 1915, according to
the records of George E. Worthen
superintendent of state aid. Also thirty-
six widows of veterans passed away
during the year. There now remain in
Lowell 233 veterans of the war, and
about 330 widows of veterans.

Those veterans who died in 1915
were as follows: January 3, Thomas
Burt; January 7, William H. Bent;
January 7, James F. Smith; January
14, Everett Wheeler; January 21, Jas.
L. Gerlish; January 27, George M. Fos-
ter; January 28, Richard Monahan;
March 3, Jesse G. Courser; March 27,
Patrick O'Brien; March 3, Benjamin
Page; April 1, Charles R. Hanley; May
23, Wyatt Moulton; May 21, William
McGory; June 1, John Daly and Horace
G. Dexter; June 8, Charles W. Phil-
brick; June 12, Jefferson P. Kennesson;
June 23, John A. Ryers; July 22, Geo.
A. Ricker; August 5, Charles Hermann;
August 12, John Garvey; August 23,
Benjamin Sharp; August 23, Benjamin
F. Harris; August 23, John A. Baker;
September 1, Ebenezer Schoon; October,
8, Alexander Hastings; October 24,
John McLane; October 27, George W.
Hilton; October 29, Louis S. Smith;
October 30, Thomas Casey; November
15, George E. Pinkham; November 17,
Charles W. Burgess; December 1, Rob-
ert H. Mulno; Dec. 12, Ira S. Ketchum;
Dec. 17, Henry Strick; Dec. 11, Paris K.
Taylor; December 23, James H. Smith;
December 23, Patrick Cusack, and De-
cember 23, John E. Brown.

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THE SUN
WISHES its many thousands
of readers and patrons a
Happy and Prosperous New
Year.

**THE BOY IS FATHER
TO THE MAN**
As citizens of Lowell today you must
decide the kind of men your boys will be.
The local Boy Scout Movement wants
to help.
Will you give it your support?
OFFICE, 16 CENTRAL BLK., PHONE 30

A HEAVY EARTHQUAKE

**RECORDED ON SEISMOGRAPHS OF
THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
TODAY**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A heavy
earthquake was being recorded on the
seismographs of Georgetown university
this morning. They were first noted
at 9.10 a. m., and were continuing at
10 o'clock. Until the movement has
subsided the observers were unable to
give more definite data. Father Fran-
cis A. Tondorf, seismological director,
said the shocks were the heaviest re-
corded in some time.

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account. Old Lowell National Bank.

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er Sauce
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CHALIFOUX'S
ON THE SQUARE
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
TO ALL

MINIMUM WAGE SCALE TWO U. S. SENATORS OF OPPOSITE TYPE

Decree Goes Into Effect Today But is Not Compulsory—Text of Decree

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 1.—The decree of the state minimum wage commission, which establishes a minimum wage standard for all female employees who work in retail stores throughout the state, goes into effect today, and although the commission is not vested with any mandatory powers for enforcing this decree it is understood that the majority of the retail store proprietors of the state have signified their intention of accepting the recommendations of the commission.

This decree is based on the special report of the retail store wage board made to the commission after an extended study of the wages paid to female employees in the retail stores of the state. The provisions of this decree are that the minimum wage for experienced female retail store employees who have reached the age of eighteen shall be \$5.50 a week; inexperienced employees, eighteen years or over, shall receive \$7 a week; girls between sixteen and eighteen years of age shall receive not less than \$6 a week; and no other employee of ordinary ability shall receive less than \$5 a week.

It was learned at the office of the commission today that the board had no powers to compel retail dealers to accept the provisions of the decree other than to publish the names of employers who decline to accept the recommendations.

The principal provisions of the decree follow:

"1. No experienced female employee of ordinary ability shall be employed in retail stores in Massachusetts at a rate of wages less than \$5.50 a week.

"2. No female employee of ordinary ability shall be deemed inexperienced who has been employed in a retail store or stores for one year or more, after reaching the age of eighteen years.

"3. A female employee shall be deemed to have been employed in the industry for a year if her absence from her place or places of employment during twelve months, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive, have not been of unreasonable duration.

"4. The wages of learners and apprentices may be less than the minimum prescribed for experienced employees provided:

"(a) That no female employee of ordinary ability who has reached the age of eighteen years shall be employed at a rate of wages less than \$7 a week.

"(b) That no female employee of ordinary ability who has reached the age of seventeen years shall be employed at a rate of wages less than \$6 a week.

"(c) That no other female employee of ordinary ability shall be paid at a rate of wages less than \$5 a week.

"5. A female employee of less than ordinary ability may be paid less than the prescribed minimum wage provided that the conditions of section 9, chapter 79C, acts of 1912, are complied with.

"6. These recommendations shall take effect on January 1, 1916, on which date all female employees of ordinary ability who have been employed in the industry for one year or more after reaching the age of eighteen shall be deemed to have begun their apprenticeship, and be entitled to the rates as specified above.

The rates established by the decree are for full-time work.

The retail store wage board, upon whose report this decree is based, was made up as follows: Carroll W. Doten, chairman; B. Preston Clark and Jessie Donald Halliwell, representing the public; E. A. Bardol, W. A. Hawkins, G. R. Johnson, Fred A. Kerry, Abbott H. Rice and S. H. Thurber, representing the employers; and Grace M. Brown, Margaret Fitzgerald, Julia S. O'Connor, Angela O'Hearn, N. J. Nally and Joseph O'Keefe, representing the employees.

G. C. HOYT.

FUNERAL NOTICES

SAWTELL—Died in this city, Jan. 1st, at the Lowell General Hospital, Mrs. Ella M. Sawtell, aged 71 years, 7 months. Funeral services will be held from her home, 233 Walker street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

CONNELLY—The funeral of Mrs. Ann Connelly will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur J. Connelly, 187 Pleasant street at 3.30 o'clock and a high mass of requiem will be sung at the Immaculate Conception church at 4 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertaker George McKenna in charge.

TRACY—The funeral of John J. Tracy will take place on Sunday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock from his home, 33 Seventh street. On Monday morning a high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Michael's church at 8.45 for the repose of his soul. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

WITAKER—Died in this city, Jan. 1, 1916, at her home, 311 Chelmsford street, Mrs. Mary E. Witaker, aged 33 years, 3 months and 12 days. Funeral services will be held at her home 311 Chelmsford street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertaker George McKenna in charge.

ANNIVERSARY MASS
At St. Patrick's church, Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock there will be an anniversary mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Catherine (Doherty) Buckley.

FUNERALS

COUGHLIN—The funeral of James G. Coughlin took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Edward A. and Winnifred Coleman Coughlin. There were many floral offerings including: Willow, inscribed "Our James," the family; mound on base, grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Coughlin and tributes from Catherine Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. John Redding, Al.

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Penrose and Lewis Always Command Attention in Debate—Social Season at Washington—Wilson Family Expert on Typewriter

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1, 1916.—Probably no two men in the senate or for a greater personal contrast to each other than do Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, and they are often pitted against each other when a hot partisan debate is on. One of the most amusing and clever scenes I ever witnessed in the senate was last winter. It had been a week of turmoil, delay, recrimination and biting sarcasm. One of the great national measures had been under discussion and no mercy had been shown by either side. But had called the kettle without minding words. Early in the week Senator Penrose made one of those forceful speeches for which he is noted. He dragged out crumpling skeletons from their hiding places in democratic closets and held up to pitiless ridicule their plat-form pledges. The moment he took his seat Senator Lewis, democratic whip of the senate opened wide the closets of republicans and fairly laid their skeletons low in the dust. He hurled denials and defiance at the big Pennsylvanian in terms so sweeping and language so eloquent that he literally stood on his feet each time he reached a climax. Both men are brilliant, brainy, and it was a war of words well worth hearing.

Senator Penrose is tall, well proportioned and huge of stature; dark complexion and always well, but very simply dressed in dark clothes. He is austere of countenance and speaks slowly with a very peculiar and decidedly Pennsylvania accent, without gestulation and in monotone. With a smileless face he sends shafts of keen satire straight into the camp of the enemy, and his speech is fairly bubbling over with wit and wisdom. His language is concise, his sentences terse but his speeches teem with brilliant epigrams that sound strangely incongruous coming from the lips of this grave-faced statesman.

Beau Brummel of Senate
Senator Lewis, on the other hand, might fittingly be called "dapper" if it could be used in no belittling sense.

He is of medium height, slight build, light complexion and resplendent of hair, whiskers and waistcoat of which he is extremely proud and not averse to having them mentioned as prominent characteristics. He is known far and wide as the Beau Brummel of Washington and the color and cut of his clothes are the topic of many a story. He is a brilliant, brainy man, and always ready to "take a dance" in debate without a moment's notice. He is dramatic of voice and pose. From the moment he takes the floor his voice, gestures, smiles and frowns are carefully modulated to fit his choice of words. Indeed "words" is an entirely inadequate term to use in describing the language he employs in a discourse in the senate. No word is too long nor too unfamiliar to appeal to Mr. Lewis when he is seeking a synonym and he commands the attention of floor and gallery as his voice soars to heights or sinks to a hoarse whisper, while attitude, hands and eyes play their part in giving dramatic effect to his utterance. And whenever Mr. Lewis and Mr. Penrose are pitted against each other in debate there is nothing but standing room left in the senate chamber.

The Social Season
Washington has been slow to begin its social season, waiting for the return of the president and Mrs. Wilson from their honeymoon in Virginia to set the ball rolling. Then, too, nearly everyone went home for the holiday recess. If home was within twenty hours' ride. The meeting of the Pan American convention this week brought to the city more than 2000 visitors from all parts of South America. The streets and hotels are crowded with men and women of foreign style, foreign dress and foreign habits. The talk is polyglot and the halls are a babel of tongues. Many receptions have been given in their honor, and the first White House reception will be the Pan American reception immediately after New Year's.

Sunday Breakfasts
The Sunday breakfast is fast becoming a rival of luncheon as a favorite

STATE HIGHWAY BILLS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Celebration at the Hotels—Music and Dinners—Elks' Club

Many would-be guests who had failed to make reservations for tables at the Richardson and Harrison hotels, last evening were much disappointed to learn upon putting in an appearance that they could not be accommodated as everything at both places had been taken up in advance.

At the Richardson hotel a sumptuous course dinner was served from 8.30 until midnight, with a continuous cabaret performance going on throughout the evening. The fact that a big fire was raging almost within a stone's throw of the hotel did not interfere with the pleasure of the guests. The spacious dining room of the hotel was beautifully decorated in warm colors with a lavish array of illumination and hundreds of varicolored balloons suspended in midair which later in the evening were released. The menu was most tempting and was thoroughly enjoyed. Deignan's orchestra provided music. Mr. William E. McCarthy presiding at the piano in his usual graceful manner. Miss Rose McDonough was the cabaret star of the occasion and made a big hit with the diners. A varied and generous assortment of fantastic favors and noise-provoking instruments were passed around and at midnight the lights were lowered and Miss McDonough sang "America," "America I Love You," and "The Star Spangled Banner." The entrance of the New Year was greeted with cheers and the din of rattles, horns, etc. The festivities came to a conclusion shortly after midnight.

At the Harrison hotel, the service was a la carte, while a fine cabaret show was given with the formal introduction of the New Year at midnight. The attendance taxed the capacity of the dining hall.

DEATHS

CROWELL—Charles Crowell died yesterday at his home in Wright street, North Chelmsford, aged 66 years. He leaves a wife, Mary, a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Crowell, and a son, Harry, of Beverly and three grandchildren.

SAWTELL—Mrs. Ella M. Sawtell died this morning at the Lowell General Hospital, aged 71 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Duff of New York city, one sister, Miss Addie Crowell, one brother, W. A. Crowell, both of this city, two nieces, Miss Flora Owen of Lowell and Mrs. Lillian Landon of Boston.

WHITAKER—Mrs. Mary Ellen Whitaker, wife of Frank Whitaker, died early this morning at her home, 371 Chelmsford street, at the age of 55 years, 8 months and 12 days. She leaves a husband, Frank Whitaker, four daughters, Mrs. W. Kershaw, E. Evelyn and Marion D. Whitaker of this city and Mrs. S. W. Chase of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a son, Thomas W. Whitaker of Springfield, Pa. Mrs. Whitaker was born in England and has been a resident of this city for the past 21 years.

AT THE ELKS' QUARTERS

A big crowd of "brothers" gathered at the Elks' club last evening to participate in the New Year's eve festivities and a most enjoyable entertainment was provided. The program included:

Overture, Elks' orchestra; Cabaret song, "Old Lang Syne," Ed. Hand-

THE PEASLEE CASE THE NEW BEDFORD

Government Attorneys Cause Surprise by Closing Their Case

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The government attorneys caused surprise here yesterday by closing their case against Morrison H. Peaslee, who is on trial charged with the murder of his father, Howard A. Peaslee, a toy-maker of Henniker. They rested practically on the strength of the alleged confession and the testimony of the detectives, who claim they wrung an admission of guilt from the defendant.

50 Witnesses Not Heard
More than 50 of the prosecution's witnesses, some of whom were expected to furnish the most sensational testimony, were not heard. Among them was Gwen Sears, a Boston newspaper woman, who is declared to have acted the part of "Madame Olga" for detectives in Seattle at Portland, Me. It is claimed that she told Peaslee that the spirit of his father was urging him to confess. In the court room she was known as Miss Mabel Kilpack of Chelsea, Mass.

Another of the witnessed witnesses is Gene Wood, on whom the prosecution claims, Peaslee tried to fasten guilt of the crime.

Says Peaslee Confessed
The first witness yesterday was Fred Marden, a Concord policeman, who testified that he saw Peaslee sign the alleged confession, and that he heard the defendant admit he killed his father for money.

"What did the defendant say on the train coming to Concord?" asked the examiner.

"He said," continued Marden, "that the one thing he took pride in was the way he put it over on Sheriff Hendrick of Henniker. He said he would have put it over all of us if he had not left town."

Peaslee's Father's Remarriage
He explained the quarrel with his father by saying that he did not want to testify for his father in the divorce case, and he was afraid that if his father was divorced he would remain in the family would get none of the fortune.

John P. Sherman, general manager of the Sherman detective agency of Boston, repeated the story of the trap that was laid for Peaslee from the time A. B. McDonald, an operative, went to Henniker until the alleged confession was obtained.

Was Suing for Divorce
The figures came out later through the testimony of George M. Fletcher, clerk of the superior court. He said that last April a bill of \$1800 was paid, and some months afterward a second bill for \$1000 was paid. The clerk also testified that Mrs. Peaslee was suing her husband for divorce at the time he was murdered.

Edward Connolly, a selectman of Henniker, testified that two days after the murder he met Peaslee, the defendant, and the latter told him that the elder man said to watch for Gene Wood in Concord, who was murdered.

William Heston, a handwriting expert, was called to testify concerning the letter that Peaslee is said to have written to his wife saying, "I have told everything." The witness said he could find only a few slight signs indicating that Peaslee wrote the letter and was excused without cross-examination.

THE DEFENSE OPENS

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The defense opened its case this morning at the trial of Morrison H. Peaslee for the murder of his father, Howard A. Peaslee in Henniker. Twenty-five witnesses tried hard to unsway and the defense expects to finish its case by next Tuesday night. George V. Hill, speaking for the defense, savagely attacked the case of the state. A confession, he said, was not always binding, especially when secured by fraud or deceit, and the legality of the alleged confession of Peaslee was for the jury to determine.

He charged that lies and deceit were employed to secure the confession of Peaslee and said that the case was a frame-up between County Solicitor Robert C. Murchie and Detective John Sherman of Boston. Sherman and his agents, Mr. Hill said, were looking for Morrison Peaslee, and no one else and he added that the defense would show that evidence concerning events in Henniker on the night of the murder, showing that Morrison Peaslee could not have committed the crime, had been suppressed. Mr. Hill said it would be shown that Morrison Peaslee was preparing his son for bed when the father was killed and was arrested in connection with the murder but whom the grand jury refused to indict, was insanely jealous of Howard Peaslee, said Mr. Hill, because the latter was a friend and adviser of the Barnes family in Henniker, with which Wood was also friendly. He had made threats against Howard Peaslee, Mr. Hill said, "I do not know whether Wood killed Howard Peaslee," said the attorney, "and I do not care, but there was evidence pointing to it."

DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

REPRESENTATIVES OF 33,000 OPERATIVES IN NEW BEDFORD WANT 10 PER CENT.

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 1.—A meeting of the Textile council representing all the textile unions of New Bedford and its 33,000 mill operatives has been called for late this afternoon to make a request of the manufacturers for a wage increase of 10 per cent. The council has already asked for an advance of 10 per cent. The situation here is complicated as the representative of the weavers says that his union does not want an advance in wages, but will demand a standard list.

INSURES 500 EMPLOYEES

New Year's Greeting in Form of Life Insurance for Employees Extended by Union Street Railway Co.

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 1.—A new year's greeting in the form of life insurance for its employees was extended by the Union Street Railway Co. in an announcement posted at midnight last night.

The company has taken out insurance for nearly 500 employees who have worked for a company a year continuously. A policy of nearly half a million dollars has been written to protect the men and women who work on the street down to the track greasers and oil boys.

CHARLES F. KEYES' DIARY

C. F. Keyes has one of the neatest little books that he is presenting to his friends as a New Year's gift, as long as they last. Charlie is always doing something to make his friends happy and the diary is his latest.

WE take this opportunity to most heartily extend the season's greetings and thank our friends for their valued favors and courteous consideration during the past year.

The Adams Hardware AND PAINT COMPANY
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Special Dinner Every Sunday
—MUSIC—
CHIN LEE CO., 67 Merrimack St.

THEY DO SAY

Now is the time to write 1916. The Sun prints all of the news. It still has a smoke inspection.

Large increase is always good.

John H. Murphy is now giving.

Is the time for sleighride.

Inaugural exercises will be.

A fat girl is coming back.

Angelo has a bright future.

Only fellow idle is the.

Single of the sleigh bells is.

A happy new year that.

Inaugural exercises will not.

Vegetables are planning.

Wednesday's storm hit the.

Way hard.

Times were never as good in.

at present.

Your disappointment turns.

the stomach.

ection on the Dummer street.

is extending.

Matthews are busy on plans.

annual banquet.

all sections of the city now have.

association.

The Bellevue Associates know.

run a good time.

Lowell still hears echoes from.

of the curious.

Artist Coggeshall thinks pretty.

Griffin's war pictures.

Local hotels and clubs were alive.

New Year parties last night.

Those who marry in haste must.

get the price of the license.

The fattest and plumpiest Eng-

parrows live in Fletcher street.

At the curmen showed good judg-

ment in re-electing Pres. Fred Crowley.

At while we are fighting the

war—how about hyphenated news?

At Jimmy Donnelly sings down all

positions; he is the political Orpheus.

At there were many old timers at

the busking bee in Dracut last night.

At the fellow who trades cord

and for booze is a pretty poor farmer.

At the candidates for Owen Mon-

ahan's job are not looking very hopeful.

At The Lowell Sun is passed from

hand to hand in the trenches in France.

At the kid's present idea of heaven

is a mountain of snow with a lightning

rod.

At the members of Club Lafayette

ushered in the new year in great

style.

At when a city official is known

to be a man of his word, some foes

quake.

At if a person can keep a good

resolution a week he can keep it all

year.

At the police were lenient with

men on their beats the last day of the

year.

At many who got on the water

wagon today will fall off before many

moons.

At "Bonnie et Heureuse Annee" is

the slogan of the day in wards six and

seven.

At Kitchener has given up pre-

dicting and believes in actions not

words.

At the usual flock of candidates

will be on hand at city hall on inaugu-

ration day.

At St. Patrick's alumni teach all

there a lesson in hearty school love

and loyalty.

At many hope the Textile campus

in Pawtucketville will be flooded for a

skating rink.

At political opportunity, like the

other variety, seldom knocks twice at

the same door.

At there will be a few hypocritical

smiles at city hall, but most of them

will be sincere.

At half the bachelors are not half

as lonesome as some people seem to

think they are.

At some of the boys are still won-

dering why Friday night was picked

for the banquet.

At the girl officers of the high

school battalions never looked prettier

than last evening.

At there is considerable difference

of opinion as to when the no school

bell should ring.

At the news of the increase in the

cotton mills was read in Wednesday's

Sun with great joy.

At the street railway men who ex-

pected to be appointed to the police

force also got theirs.

At the new improvement associa-

tion in Pawtucketville will mean some-

thing for the district.

At Ex-Mayor Casey's address here

before the Bellevue club was very in-

teresting and instructive.

At the Christmas tree stands as a

reminder of something that seems to

have happened long ago.

At the man who is too thin-skinned

to stand for honest criticism ought not

to run for public office.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"



The old year's heart was full of
grief;
With selfishness it longed and
ached,
And cried, "I have not half I need.
My thirst is bitter and unquench'd.
But to the New Year's generous
hand
All gifts in plenty shall return;
True loving it shall understand;
By all my failures it shall learn.
I have been reckless; it shall be
Quiet and calm and pure of life.
I was a slave; it shall go free,
And find sweet peace where I leave
strife."

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

WATCHED OLD YEAR OUT

SEVERAL CHURCHES HELD WATCH
NIGHT SERVICES—ST. ANNE'S
CHILDREN RANG IN NEW YEAR

Several of the Protestant churches throughout the city held old-fashioned watch night services last night to usher in the new year. Christmas hymns were played on the bells at St. Anne's and carols sung by the vested choir.

The old year was also "watched out" at the hotels and clubs and the hotels, it was stated, were unable to accommodate all who applied for seats. Excellent banquet menus were served and the guests made merry until the dawn of the new year. The dining rooms were prettily decorated and cabaret music added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Chimes at St. Anne's
The most impressive feature of all the watch night services was the ringing of the chimes at old St. Anne's at the midnight hour. The service at St. Anne's was attended by many persons representing churches of other denominations as well as by the regular attendants. The service was brief, beginning at 11 o'clock and closing at midnight. Rev. Ampleton Grimes preached a short sermon, and hymns of the season were sung, the vested choir of men and boys, and the young women of the Guild of St. Cecilia, leading. Rev. James Bancroft of St. John's, Rev. N. W. Matthews and Rev. A. C. Ferrin of the High Street Congregational church assisted in the service.

Swedish Lutheran Church
There was a large attendance at the watch services at the Swedish Lutheran church. Early in the evening the Young People's society gave a concert. Shortly before midnight religious exercises were opened, and they continued into the new year.

St. Paul's M. E. Church
The first number on the program in connection with the watch night service at St. Paul's church was a hymn, followed by a social hour. The religious influence of our New England poets was discussed from 10 o'clock until 11, following which came the fel-

lowship service. The concluding service, including prayers and hymns, was from 11:15 to 12:02.

Central M. E. Church
The watch night services at the Central M. E. church were in charge of the Lowell Federation of Churches. Rev. Raymond G. Clapp, pastor of the First Unitarian Congregational church, presided over the service. The singing was led by Rev. C. H. Davis and Rev. L. P. Causey read the scripture. Rev. S. A. Jackson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, spoke on "The New Year and the Individual." Rev. L. P. Causey's topic was "The Next Year and the Church." Rev. R. G. Clapp spoke on "The Next Year and the City," and Rev. J. M. Kyle made an address on "The Next Year and the World."

Atlantic Union Conference
Elder J. K. Jones, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Liberty and School streets, will attend the biennial session of the Atlantic Union conference at that denomination which will be held in South Lancaster, Jan. 4 to 11. Elder Jones was recently elected president of the Massachusetts conference. This will be one of the most important conventions ever held by the church in New England, and will be attended by preachers from every state in New England and from the three conferences in New York.

Dracut
A watch night service was held last night at the Hillside church in Dracut with a large number of the members of the congregation present. Rev. Samuel Duperieux, pastor, delivered a stereoscopic lecture from 8 to 9, the subject being "Children of Many Lands." The lecture was followed by a social hour during which refreshments were served.

At 10:45 o'clock the religious service was started and this continued until after midnight. The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. Pettenger, pastor of the Centralville Methodist church.

Lowell Artillery Club
The Lowell Artillery club will hold the first meeting of the business men's military instruction course at the organization's quarters, 11 Glidden building, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and the instructor will be Brig. Gen. Gardner W. Pearson.

The object of this course is to afford the citizens of Lowell and vicinity an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of military training, as it is being taught in similar schools in all the large cities of this country. All the able-bodied men who are interested in national preparedness are invited to be present.

Today, January 1st, is "Quarter Day" at the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

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JOHN B. RILEY THOMAS M. OSBORNE

Thomas Mott Osborne, famous as a prison reformer, is accused formally in an indictment of official and moral misconduct during his wardenship of Sing Sing prison, New York. Superintendent of Prisons John B. Riley, announced that he would oust Mr. Osborne. Friends of the warden are making a hard fight for him, and the time of Governor Whitman and Riley in Albany has been occupied in consideration of the situation brought

about in Sing Sing prison by the indictment of Osborne. Mr. Osborne, desired removal, declined to resign and submitted a counter proposal, which was that he receive a vacation in which to defend himself against the charges brought by the Westchester county grand jury. He is known internationally as a "golden rule" warden and his administration of Sing Sing prison has been studied by penologists of many states and nations.

Our heartiest wish to you this day is that the year 1916 will be a bright and happy one for you.

Collins, the Florist

17 GORHAM STREET

NEW YEARS IN EUROPE

"OUR YEAR FOR VICTORY" SAYS
PRESIDENT POINCARÉ—OTHER
MESSAGES

PARIS, Jan. 1.—"Nineteen hundred and sixteen will be our year of victory," says President Poincaré in a message to the "officers and the soldiers of France," which is being distributed along the whole front tonight. The message, which is one of great simplicity, expresses the confidence of the entire nation in its defenders.

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ROBERTSON MAY COACH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA TRACK TEAM



LAWSON ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rumors are now in circulation to the effect that Lawson Robertson, the coach of the Irish-American A. C. team, has been offered a position as coach of the University of Pennsylvania track team for next season. Robertson has turned out a crack team for the Irish-American club here for several years and is now classed among the best handlers of athletes in the country. Athletic experts are of the opinion that Robertson would be a great success at Penn.

BIGGEST FIRES IN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

List of Greatest Fires in Lowell From 1880 Till the Present Time—1914 Had Some Serious Fires

Following is a list of the more destructive fires that occurred in this city since the big mill fire of 1880:

Oct. 6, 1880, Chase mills.
Oct. 5, 1882, Centralville bridge.
March 29, 1888, Coburn shoe shop.
July 17, 1889, Lowell House railway barn.
April 5, 1891, Edison block.
July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 11, 1891, Davis and Sargent Lumber yard.
Nov. 2, 1891, Bartlett & Dow.
May 10, 1893, Coburn shoe shop.
Aug. 2, 1893, Standard Worsted Co.
Sept. 11, 1893, Stevens' barn.
Sept. 30, 1893, Tryder's stable.
Feb. 25, 1894, Mathew's mill.
July 30, 1894, White's tannery.
Sept. 18, 1894, Ludlam residence.
Nov. 16, 1894, Crowley building.
June 6, 1894, Bartlett & Dow.
Feb. 25, 1895, August Pels' residence.
Feb. 26, 1895, W. H. L. Hayes cigar factory.
Aug. 26, 1895, Tremont & Suffolk cotton storehouse.
Nov. 20, 1895, Parker block.
April 13, 1896, Chamber street box shop.
April 19, 1896, St. Lawrence hotel stable.
June 18, 1896, Eagle foundry.
Aug. 15, 1896, Faulkner residence.
Nov. 15, 1897, Irvin block.
Dec. 1, 1897, Irvin block.
Dec. 14, 1897, Huntington hall.
Feb. 1, 1898, H. R. Barker building.
Sept. 21, 1899, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
Feb. 1, 1900, Marlin block.
Feb. 8, 1900, Suffolk hall.
Nov. 8, 1900, Harvard heavy.
May 6, 1901, Fitch Tool shop.
June 30, 1901, Ruge building.
Jan. 6, 1902, Harriman mill.
June 14, 1902, Criterion hosiers.
Feb. 27, 1903, Burbank block.
July 18, 1903, Merrimack coal pocket.
July 29, 1903, U. S. Carriage Co. magazine at Riverside, now in Lowell.
Dec. 6, 1903, Davis & Sargent.
Jan. 9, 1904, Old Odd Fellows building.
Jan. 11, 1904, St. Patrick's church.
Jan. 12, 1904, Felloes, Bascom and Albion blocks.
Nov. 6, 1904, Huntington hall.
Mar. 3, 1904, Davis and Sargent box shop.
July 17, 1904, Brullette residence.
Aug. 1, 1904, White dwelling.
Aug. 18, 1904, Otis Allen box shop.

Aug. 23, 1904, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
Sept. 20, 1904, Waterhead mill.
Nov. 6, 1904, Huntington hall.
May 21, 1905, Greenwood Bros' build. ing.
Oct. 8, 1905, Barristers' hall.
Nov. 11, 1905, Carruthers mill.
Nov. 15, 1905, Caswell garage.
Dec. 5, 1905, Doherty's foundry.
Jan. 27, 1906, Richardson hotel.
May 5, 1906, three buildings destroyed in Acton street.
June 20, 1906, Walter Coburn waste mill.
Oct. 18, 1906, Robinson Bros' foundry.
Jan. 26, 1907, Card Clothing building.
Jan. 17, 1907, Marlin block, front street.
March 5, 1907, Howe building.
April 14, 1907, Jeremiah Clark storehouse.
June 24, 1907, U. S. Bunting Co.
June 18, 1907, Adams paint shop.
June 22, 1907, Rollaway.
July 3, 1907, P. J. Riley shop.
August 3, 1907, Hoyt & Shedd building.
August 12, 1907, Eagle foundry.
August 30, 1907, eight buildings in St. James street.
October 3, 1907, U. S. Bunting Co.
October 31, 1907, Scannell boiler works.
January 21, 1908, garage on Appleton street.
February 5, 1908, G.H. Bridge's Dry Goods store.
February 10, 1908, Appleton corporation, Jackson street.
March 15, 1908, N. Y. H. & Hartford railroad building in Howard street, occupied by the Walter Coburn Co.
March 19, 1908, George Fitch machine shop.
July 31, 1908, Lowell Insulated Wire Co., Tanner street, occupied by Walter Coburn Co.
October 24, 1908, J. Munson's block, Middlesex street.
January 25, 1909, Mrs. B. M. Gillard block, Merrimack street.
May 15, 1909, A. C. Stern Shoe Co.
June 25, 1909, Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.
Sept. 14, 1909, beam house of American Hide & Leather Co., Howe street.
Sept. 18, 1909, Heine Electric Co.
Nov. 18, 1909, Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.
Dec. 20, 1910, L. C. Gerrish block, Central street.

Dec. 30, 1910, A. G. Pollard block, Middle street.
Feb. 9, 1911, Mass. corporation storehouse.
June 21, 1911, P. J. Riley's, Tanner street.
Aug. 6, 1911, Mrs. A. B. Courtney's dwelling.
Sept. 18, 1911, F. P. Cheney's box shop.
Feb. 20, 1912, Otis Allen & Son box shop.
March 27, 1912, C. B. Coburn Co.
May 16, 1912, J. C. Manseau's store, Merrimack street.
June 22, 1912, Friend Bros' bakery.
June 23, 1912, C. S. Dodge machine shop, Payne street.
Aug. 18, 1912, W. L. Parker Co., bobbin shop.
Nov. 2, 1912, Lithuanian Catholic church, Rogers street.
Nov. 12, 1912, Lowell baseball club bleachers, Rogers street.
Nov. 21, 1912, St. Jean Baptiste church, Merrimack street.
Dec. 30, 1912, Lavery's bakery.
Feb. 17, 1913, Wright & Gerrish building and W. B. Spalding estate, Central street.
April 16, 1913, Dodge Machine shop, Payne street.
April 30, 1913, Doherty Bros' foundry.
June 23, 1913, Adams Hardware Co., 404 Middlesex street.
Aug. 27, 1913, Harvard Brewery, off Plain street.
Nov. 5, 1913, John Bennett Machine Co.
Dec. 5, 1913, Lavery's bakery.
Dec. 17, 1913, Merrimack street building owned by E. A. and M. N. Simpson.
Feb. 21, 1914, destruction of John Kettell hot house.
March 7, 1914, Smith shoe store, Middlesex street.
May 12, 1914, Pratt & Forrest lumber firm.
May 23, 1914, Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store.
Aug. 9, 1914, J. K. Felloes' estate.
Aug. 15, 1914, William E. Livingston.
Sept. 6, 1914, Spalding park grandstand.
Dec. 26, 1914, J. P. Quinn.
March 1, 1915, Memorial hall.
March 18, 1915, Suffolk hall.
June 15, 1915, Chase Waste Paper Co.



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MADE A BRITISH PEER

WM. W. ASTOR REALIZES AMBITION OF 16 YEARS BY BEING CREATED BARON
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Among the honors conferred by King George at the New Year are the following:
Barons: William Waldorf Astor, Lord Charles Bessborough, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Thomas Baughness, David A. Thomas and Capt. Cecil William Norton.
Among those who receive baronies are Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturges, Sir William Gesschen, Sir Charles Johnston and Alfred A. Booth.
The privy councillors named include William Crooks and Sir Frederick Banbury.
Earl Curzon of Kedleston and the Duke of Devonshire are made Knights of the Garter. Baron Metzey is made a viscount.
The New Year's honors announced last night stand apart from the conventional lists through the absence of rewards for political and party services, the substitution of recognitions of various sorts for war activities.
There was one notable surprise, the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, the wealthy American citizen who years ago became an expatriate. Another surprise, which is certain to be as popular as it is surprising, is the appointment of William or Will, as he is better known—Crooks, the labor leader, to the Privy Council.
Mr. Astor's title is considered as the fulfillment of the ambition which brought him to England 16 years ago to become a British subject.
Astor, a reputed candidate for the peerage was a topic which greatly enlivened society after he launched his career as a British subject. Un-

ELLIOTT FEARS STRIKE

NEW HAVEN'S PRESIDENT CLAIMS LEGISLATION IS DOING HARM TO ROADS
BOSTON, Jan. 1.—There is a possibility of a strike this winter involving more than 350,000 railroad workers, said President Howard Elliott of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, speaking on "Transportation Problems and the Rights of Railroads," at the coffee party of the Master Builders' association yesterday in their headquarters on Devonshire street.
Speaking of the troubles of a railroad, he said: "A plethora of regulatory legislation inaugurated with good intention of bettering the conditions of the railroads, is having, in fact, the opposite effect. There is entirely too much legislation."
"The railroads are entirely out of adjustment with the country, as can be seen from the fact that about one-sixth of the railroads in this country are now in the hands of a receiver."
Speaking of the cost of transportation he said that America gets more service per mile of track, at less cost to the community, and pays higher wages than any railroad in Europe. There is only one country in the world in which freight rates are lower, and only one country where higher wages are paid, he said.
In conclusion, he said that the railroad problem is a tremendous one, and asked the co-operation of all people to help in solving it.

UNITARIAN MISSION WEEK

PROMINENT PREACHERS ENGAGED FOR NEXT WEEK EVERY EVENING
A Unitarian preaching mission will be held in the First Unitarian church on Merrimack street from next Sunday until Sunday, January 5, under the auspices of the North Middlesex Conference of Unitarian churches. The First Universalist and Grace Universalist societies will co-operate in the movement. The program consists of addresses every evening with congregational singing of old familiar hymns. The program is:
Sunday, January 2nd, at 7 p. m. Samuel Aldrich Eliot, D. D. of Boston. "See Ye First the Kingdom of God."
Monday, Jan. 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. Frederick D. D. of Boston. "The Kingdom of God is within you."
Tuesday, January 4th, at 7:30 p. m. Paul Reverie Frothingham, D. D. of Boston, Mass. "The Simplicity Which is in Christ."
Wednesday, January 5th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Henry Hallam Sanderson, of Boston, Mass. "Keep thy heart above all that thou guardest, for out of it are the issues of life."
Thursday, January 6th, at 7:30 p. m. Lee S. McCallister, D. D. of Boston, Mass. Subject to be announced.
Friday, January 7th, at 7:30 p. m. W. W. Penn, D. D. of Cambridge, Mass. Subject to be announced.
Saturday, January 8th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Louis C. Corbush, of Boston, Mass. "The Bondage of the Heart."
Sunday, January 9th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Louis C. Corbush, of Boston, Mass. "The glory which thou hast given me, I have given unto them, that they may be one even as we are one."
Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank today, January 1st, will draw interest from today.

ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

SCHMIDT, CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, TO FILE MOTION
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—"The case will go to the highest courts if that is necessary," said Matthew Schmidt yesterday discussing in his cell his conviction for the murder of Charles Hagerty, a victim of the Los Angeles Times explosion five years ago.
Schmidt seemed unperturbed by the finding of first degree murder with recommendation for mercy, and settled down to studying various angles of the case with a view to aiding his attorneys, whose motion for a new trial is to be filed Monday and argued January 15th.
BETTER THAN SPANKING.
Spanking does not cure children of bad wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 5, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your child troubles you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK

Senator Hollis Predicts Success for Wilson — Roosevelt May Lead Opposition

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hampshire, who has been designated to be the senate leader of the rural credits bill which will be brought up for consideration early in the session, today made to The Sun correspondent some very interesting statements regarding the work of congress this winter. Mr. Hollis is a staunch democrat and has stood close to the administration ever since he was elected to the senate in 1912. In commenting on congressional work and the political outlook, Mr. Hollis said: "The main thing democrats promised in their platform have been carried out. They have brought about an honest revision of the tariff; a successful system for federal reserve banks; a federal trade commission and effective anti-trust legislation." Mr. Hollis continued by saying that the present congress would have little to deal with except adequate preparation for national defense and rural credits. There will probably be time, in Mr. Hollis' opinion, to pass these measures and to also pass the new auxiliary naval bill which came before the last congress as a government ship-billing bill. Senator Hollis believes that the democratic party will be united on these measures as well as on rural credits. Said Mr. Hollis: "The question of national preparedness will not be made partisan. Democrats who believe in strong military and naval policies and republicans who have the same trend of thought will join hands. The president has suggested his own views on the matter of defense and will have a strong backing in both senate and house and the result will be a non-partisan vote."
When asked his views on the alleged democratic opposition to Mr. Wilson's re-election and the rumors that he will be opposed at the national convention by either Mr. Clark or Mr. Underwood, who are looked upon here as probable candidates, Mr. Hollis said: "The attempt to bring forward the names of other candidates than Mr. Wilson emanates from the same men who arranged the Gay dinner in New York. It is the old story of placing property interest above ideals."

COASTER HIT BY AUTO

THOMAS DUFFIN, 7, HURLED TEN FEET AND MAY BE INTERNALLY HURT
BOSTON, Jan. 1.—At the foot of a long slide on Gramplan way, Dorchester, Thomas Duffin, 7, while coasting, collided with an automobile moving along Savin Hill avenue, and was tossed 10 feet, sustaining injuries that caused his name to be placed on the city hospital danger list.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duffin, of 31 Tuttle street, Dorchester. The automobile was driven by William A. Ritchie, who picked the boy up and took him to the hospital.
The boy has a concussion of the brain, abrasions about the face and probable internal injuries.

GREET FORD DELEGATES

CROWDS MET THE BOAT WHICH BROUGHT AMERICANS ACROSS THE WATER AT COPENHAGEN
COPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 1.—The Ford peace delegates arrived here yesterday. Crowds met the boat which brought the Americans across the water from Sweden.
The police authorities have prohibited the holding of any public demonstrations in Denmark, and the executive committee announces that strict compliance would be given to this order. During the visit to Copenhagen, therefore, the members of the mission probably will engage only in informal conferences with a view to obtaining Danish delegates and preparing for the trip to The Hague.
When the party was leaving Stockholm, thousands of Swedish people gathered at the station to bid farewell and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
The members of the expedition are much interested in the experience of Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, the Hungarian delegate, who was requested to

visit the minister of justice and receive the instructions that no public peace meetings would be permitted. Mme. Schwimmer was summoned from her hotel by the police. Enter the committee of arrangements issued a formal public statement, a copy of which was given to each member of the expedition. The statement said, in part: "Along ago the conditions bearing upon neutral countries made it necessary for the authorities of this country to decide against public meetings where any discussions of war or peace were to be held. For this reason we must refrain from holding public meetings for the Ford expedition."
"But to show our hearty sympathy and interest we have provided for private receptions for different groups, where we may meet and exchange ideas. After a consultation with the Danish authorities we have promised that everyone connected with the expedition will abide by these conditions."
The Ford party will probably sail next Wednesday for Rotterdam on the steamer A. P. Bernstorff.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Dec. 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Towle, of 30 Whitney avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. McQuaid, of 13 Kilman street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Omar Allard, of 76 Merrimack street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John P. Collins, of 17 Carmine street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fox, of 27 Rogers street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodwin Fitts, of 7 Mt. Washington street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Howard, of 15 Audreys street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Tipton, of 37 Keene street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Green, of 30 Grubb street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. McCann, of 17 Cedar street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamphier, of McConover Court, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stapanopoulos, of 143 Market street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kodakowski, of 205 L street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Hogan, of 55 Andrews street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearson, of 5 Morton street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Traversy, of 25 Hancock avenue, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kay, of 114 Lawrence street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janocha, of 18 West Fourth street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Faxon, of 30 French street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Livingston, of 33 School street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Chalmers, of 16 Olive street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malloy, of 2 Monahan avenue, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donnelly, of 97 Andover street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Deane, of 32 Forrest street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Adamczyk, of 7 Sullivan Court, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Max Rindler, of 45 Coburn street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Eliopoulos, of 450 Market street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Philomena Lessard, of 24 Marshall street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dunlay, of 82 Chelmsford street, a daughter.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS
The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations to be held as follows:
January 18.—Civil engineer, male, salary, \$1300 to \$3500 per annum; chart engraver, male, salary, \$1200 to \$2400 per annum; entomologist, male, salary, \$2000 to \$2500 per annum; assistant surgeon, male, salary, \$1800 per annum.
January 19-20.—Teacher, male and female.
January 19.—Radio inspector, male, salary, \$1200 to \$1800 per annum; teacher of agriculture, male, salary, \$200 per annum; junior pharmacist, male, salary, \$1200 to \$1500 per annum; fish pathologist, male, salary, \$2500 per annum; sanitary engineer, male, salary, \$1600 per annum; scientific assistant in mycology, salary, \$1200 to \$1400 per annum.
January 19-20.—Structural engineer and draftsman, male, salary, \$1800 per annum.
January 23.—Metallographist, male, salary, \$2000 per annum; assistant metallurgist, male, salary, \$1500 to \$2500 per annum; designer of hulls, male, salary, \$2100 to \$3000 per annum; draughtsman of marine engines, boilers and machinery, male, salary, \$1400 to \$2000 per annum.
February 2.—Assistant in metabolism investigations, male, salary, \$1500 per annum.
March 15-16.—Assistant men, teachers, men and women; industrial teachers, men, salary, \$1200 to \$3000 per annum.
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LOWELL LOOKS AHEAD

On the threshold of a new year, Lowell can look forward with confidence to a period of construction and civic progress. Rarely has a January dawned with more promise. In our business affairs, optimism is the order of the day, and in our political affairs there is every expectation that some of the larger problems that confront us will be settled and taken out of the arena of petty controversy. If, with the old year have gone the insincerity and indecision that have blocked progressiveness, and if the Lowell public gets together in a genuine desire to promote the best interests of Lowell and its people, the close of 1915 will find us sailing smoothly on the sea of general prosperity.

We have already embarked on many large undertakings, the completion of which is a public necessity. Of these the addition to the high school takes priority. Neglected until the need became crying indeed, the high school project must be carried to completion as soon as possible with due consideration to economy. It is gratifying to find that plans are taking practical shape, and the incoming municipal body will have the support of the Lowell public in carrying them to intelligent completion.

The erection of a new bridge at Pawtucketville cannot be neglected much longer without serious danger, and the residents of that section who have been so often disappointed are looking forward to a speedy crowning of their hopes. We have had too much theory and an exhibition of the way municipal business should not be done; let us, before the close of the year, have action and a grateful change in method. The building of a bridge at Pawtucketville will have to be done, and the preliminaries should be attended to as soon as conditions warrant it.

Two other important projects being advocated generally are the erection of a hospital for contagious diseases and a new public hall. The former is required by law, and the decision is taken out of our hands by the state. It is time that all beating about the bush should be abandoned in favor of some more satisfactory solution of the problem. The need for a public hall has long been felt and admitted, and it has been brought home to the people strongly during the unique "Made-in-Lowell" exposition of which the city feels so proud.

It was also well that during the new year the policy of systematized street construction and maintenance should be more clearly adopted, as suggested some time ago by the board of trade. A policy of planning ahead, with due respect to the respective needs of all localities, would remove many past causes of complaint and prevent the repetition and overlapping that has been a fruitful source of waste. Under Commissioner Morse, the conduct of the street department has become far more efficient than formerly and we have a great deal to show for the past few years. With plans in advance, covering the city as a whole, and embracing more than one season, it ought to be possible in future to attend to our streets systematically and scientifically, so that street work may be determined by a definite plan rather than by political or sectional considerations.

Our parks and playgrounds will also call for special effort during the coming year. It may be that the present appropriation is too small for adequate service, but this makes the necessity for efficiency and economy all the more pressing. In this connection, the taking over of some small areas in congested sections has been suggested, and the development of the river bank, including the erection of a stadium, is one of the agitations of the moment.

There are other pressing needs but enough have been mentioned to show that the incoming municipal body has no slight program of improvements. As a closing suggestion, The Sun reiterates its belief that the annexation of Dracut, wholly or in part, would react very favorably on Lowell. The city needs room to grow, in area, in population, in industry and in prestige, and one of the ways to give the city room is to annex our nearest neighbor. In any of these matters, there should be no suggestion of partisanship or political play; all are for the interests of Lowell and all of its citizens, and our people cannot do better than to determine to solidly support every scheme of general improvement during the months of 1916.

AUSTRIA BACKS DOWN

The unexpected has happened once again in the determination of Austria to avoid a diplomatic rupture with this country—if the advance summary of the Austrian reply to the second American note is correct. With the same cleverness and astute diplomacy that characterized the first note, the Austrian government meets the American contentions point by point, but winds up with the assurance that it is not Austria's intention to run counter to the wishes of the American government respecting the safeguarding of the lives of passengers. The most important clause, and that which promises to smooth out the controversy, states that the officer of the

submarine which sank the Ancona has been punished for apparently neglecting to take into consideration the panic among the passengers.

While the note is not directly a disavowal as the United States demanded, the punishment of the officer, or the statement that he has been punished, meets the American demand, and points to an amicable agreement. It would also appear that the object of the note is to emphasize the concession, as Austria makes out the best possible case for the officer before his punishment is referred to. It is as though Austria said "We will show the United States that it was wrong, and that there is no real obligation on us to change our policy, but in order to avoid a rupture we will strain a point." America, however, is not concerned with the mental processes that actuated the Austrian diplomats, and if the sinking of the Ancona is disavowed, followed by the sincere assurance that international law will be respected in future, it will suffice for the nonce. Austria is served by clever diplomats, but America, in its less polished way, stands on a principle that no diplomacy can dissipate. This, Austria, as well as Germany now sees.

Once again after the usual storm of ridicule, partisan opposition and unfair commentary, President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and the administration generally have triumphed without a rupture, diplomatic or otherwise, with any foreign power. What would it have availed us to have broken with the central powers without the writing of notes, as some have vehemently counseled? It would either have led to war or to the removal from the war situation of the influence of the United States which has been potent for safeguarding the rights of humanity.

FAIRBANKS' PLANKS

The published views of republican leaders round whose heads the presidential bee is buzzing at the present time make interesting reading, indicating the expected opposition to the democrats, and the line it will take. Indianapolis, we are told, favors former Vice President Fairbanks, who also expects the endorsement of Kentucky. This able and amiable gentleman has a few planks all ready for the republican platform. He calls them the "leading questions." Let's see what they are!

He is in favor of "adequate national preparation against hostile invasion," otherwise known as preparedness, but he also includes protection against industrial invasion, otherwise known as a high tariff. He favors the extension of America's foreign markets, particularly into South America and the Orient; he is in favor of a great merchant marine—but not a government owned merchant marine—and above all he is in favor of "prosperity and high living standards for American workers."

Presumably Mr. Fairbanks is in favor of a high tariff in order to protect the workers whom he loves, but it is not convincing. If he is to shoot great holes in the democratic defenses, he must adopt different tactics. Since when has President Wilson and the democratic party been opposed to preparedness, reasonable protection for American workers, and a high living standards for American workers?

Now under a democratic administration we have unexampled prosperity; we are planning for preparedness; we are doing wonders for trade extension and we are in hopes of getting a great merchant marine. No, Mr. Fairbanks! Your planks are left-overs from the platform of the fat days of special privilege, venerated with a little of the progressiveness and idealism learned in the school of Woodrow Wilson.

A GROWING SENTIMENT

A gratifying movement discernible just now throughout the country is that for the non-partisan support of measures that affect the people as a whole. In spite of attempts to turn matters of great moment to political advantage, coming on election time, there is a deep seated trend to take them out of the political arena and to compromise on measures which the best elements in all parties may support.

President Wilson recently suggested that the great agitation of preparedness should be taken out of politics, and there is a disposition everywhere to heed his request. Sentiment in favor of a tariff commission is growing, and this would prove of as great advantage to the country's business as the federal reserve commission did to the country's finance. The same is true regarding the merchant marine agitation and other larger problems of timely interest. America is waking up to the fact that while we are frittering away valuable

COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no helper aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young in use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists.

time over our petty political feuds, opportunity is gliding by, and it is becoming known that the politics which interferes with business is bad for politics and bad for business. While there are political parties there will have to be party questions, but in all of the larger things the aim ought to be to arrive at such an understanding that no American advantage shall be lost through partisan politics.

THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

The jumping of maritime insurance through the Suez canal to about three times the normal figure, by the famous Lloyds agency, does not necessarily imply that the Tonnage are about to launch an attack on Egypt. Yet it has some significance, and while both Germany and England keep their plans secret one can only guess blindly. The most plausible explanation seen thus far is that England wishes the insurance to be raised as a precautionary measure, as this would automatically turn maritime trade into other routes temporarily and thus give Great Britain an opportunity to fortify the canal and make preparations to repel any possible attack on Egypt. Should Germany really send a new force towards Egypt, it would prove one of the most ambitious projects of the war, and it is not expected that preparations would be perfected for many weeks. Meantime, England does not take the threat lightly as is shown by the raise in insurance by Lloyds.

POLICE AND MILITIA

One of the wise recommendations of the state's commission for the study of military matters is that the militia be relieved from strike and riot duty, and that these functions be performed by a trained and equipped force of state mounted police. Such a change would work for good in many ways. In a sentimental sense, strikers would not feel that soldiers were their enemies, as they felt during many strikes in this part of the country, and the work of quelling strike disturbance might well be given over to more mature men. The calling of the state militia has some regrettable consequences, and these cannot be entirely surmounted under existing circumstances. It was responsible for some of the bad feeling in Lawrence and more recently in Colorado. With a state police force for the purpose, authority might be maintained without turning police duty over to soldiers.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Scapgoat
"Blames Mellen." In the vernacular, somebody must be the "goat."—Salem News.

Latent
British war bulletin: The Dardanelles will remain closed until further notice.—Manchester Mirror.

Paused the Increase
Fall River mills found to be able to pay as high a scale as any cotton factories in New England.—Fall River Herald.

Important, if True
The important point, if true, is that Germany has done about all she can with her carefully provided stores of power.—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

Start Anyway
Start the new diary and make a few new resolutions even if you don't keep either of them up long.—Portland Express.

More Power to You
Oh, yes, we're growing, not only in vastness, but in population, enterprise and importance.—Springfield Union.

Don't—Fellows
Warnings are out for the gripple. And as usual the first advice is given to the young fellow who may be inclined to kiss and is contained in the one word, "Don't."—Lynn News.

A Good Obstacle
Just at present the railroads are experiencing the embarrassment of having too much of a good thing. They are overwhelmed with business.—Fall River Globe.

They Like Him
Henry Ford will be given a grand reception when he reaches Detroit. There is one town that has faith in him and his efforts.—Meriden Journal.

They Never Refuse
Somebody out in Michigan says Roosevelt will run if nominated. Of course he would. Do you know of any prominent public man who would not?—Burlington Free Press.

Wasted Energy
One cannot but think that it would be better for Great Britain to devote to her military operations a little of the care she has been lavishing on other people's mail.—Providence Journal.

Is This Sarcasm?
If President Wilson runs again next year it will be on his foreign war policy, and what republican leader could come so near matching him on that issue as William H. Taft?—Haverhill Gazette.

Interest begins today, January 1st at The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

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NO. CHELMSFORD NEWS

Village Is Prosperous—Industries Very Busy—School Matters of Interest—Church News

The village of North Chelmsford is quite prosperous and the outlook for the year is excellent. The residents are interested in the solution of the high school problem and a few other matters now under discussion.

Well Known Resident Dead
Charles H. Crowell, one of the best known residents of the village where he resided for a great many years, died yesterday morning at his home at the corner of Newfield and Wright streets. Deceased was at one time prominently connected with the Congregational church where he was well liked by the parishioners. He worked at the Lowell Machine shop for several years, after which he took up employment at the North Chelmsford Supply Co. Failing health compelled him to give up his occupation last spring and he has been unable to do any active work since that time. Three years ago he was honored by the voters by being selected for a position on the school board, and while his health remained good he proved a very valuable official. Mr. Crowell, who was in his 66th year, is survived by his wife, one son, Harry Crowell of Beverly; one daughter, Mrs. Walter B. Pierce and three grandchildren.

St. John's Church
New Year's day, which is a holy day of obligation in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the world, being the Feast of the Circumcision, was observed at St. John's church this morning by masses of 5.30 and 7.15 o'clock. Tomorrow masses will be at the regular hours and the celebrant will be Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, pastor of the church. Rev. Henry Scott will officiate at St. Catherine's church, Graniteville.

Water District Meeting
The annual meeting of the Chelmsford water district will be held Monday evening in Chelmsford Centre and the notice or warrant to that effect has been posted in the lower town hall. The most important items of business to come before the voters are the election of a commissioner to serve three years and to see if the district will authorize the commission to make a settlement in the action brought by Thomas J. Bruno against the district. The commissioner's report will be distributed throughout every section of the town today and the majority of voters were supplied with copies. Those who failed to receive a copy may have the same by applying to the commissioners.

Christian Endeavor Society
The following is a list of the officers and members of the committees elected at the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor society, held in the vestry of the Congregational church this week: Clarence A. Trubey, president; E. Clifford Lakin, vice-president; Miss Alice P. Freese, recording and corresponding secretary; Miss Clarice Waterhouse, treasurer; lookout committee, Albert Guerin, Chester McCoombs, Miss Marion Stevens, Miss Bessie Houle; missionary committee, Philip Machon, Clifford Lakin, Raymond Ballinger; music committee, Misses Edna Daniels, Gladys E. Swain, Bertha L. Wright, Marion Varney, Clarice Waterhouse; flower committee, Miss Helen Haywood, Miss Ruth Moody, Marshall Blacksten, George Davis, Leroy Lakin; prayer meeting committee, Gilbert R. Merrill, Alfred R. Freese, Mrs. Philip Machon; social committee, Raymond Slater, Royal Shawcross, Miss Matilda Moore, Miss Clarice Waterhouse, Miss Edna Daniels and Miss Alice P. Freese. Other business of more or less importance was also transacted at this meeting.

To Take Training Course
Miss Belle Valentine and Miss Mary Tuckie left today to take up a training course at the New Hampshire state hospital in Concord. As a means of wishing them success in their new venture the members of the Ladies' auxiliary entertained both young women in St. John's hall on Wednesday evening of this week. A very appetizing supper was served after which a pleasant evening was enjoyed in a well carried out musical program.

Silesia Worsted Mills
The employees of the Silesia Worsted mills are singularly fortunate in working for a concern paying the highest wages if not more than any other woolen concern in the country. No general increase has been granted as yet at the North Chelmsford establishment but it is believed that the employees will receive an increase in the near future. Agent Mark Ingham in conversation with the writer yesterday said it is customary with his company to pay the highest possible wages when business conditions warrant doing so, and the company is at the present living up to his statement.

The pay of the employees has been increased on several occasions since the war started, and it is reasonable to suppose that this policy will be continued so long as business remains good. At the present time the North Chelmsford plant is rushed with orders

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New High School Problem
The report that the voters of Chelmsford Centre were in favor of erecting a new high school in their part of the town was the means of attracting a large number of North Chelmsford citizens to the meeting held to discuss the project at the town hall on last Monday evening. Nothing of importance was done on the matter beyond the appointment of a committee to investigate the wants in all sections of the town and report at the annual town meeting.

St. John's T. A. Society
St. John's T. A. society held its regular meeting this week in St. John's hall with a large attendance. A large amount of important business was transacted and arrangements were made for a minstrel show to be held some time next month. The following officers elected at the meeting held last week were inducted into office with fitting ceremonies: Michael J. Scollon, president; Irving P. Shields, vice-president; Henry R. Garvey, recording secretary; Arthur J. Welsh, financial secretary; James P. Walker, treasurer; John F. Haffey, doorkeeper; board of trustees, Joseph Leo Ryan, Henry Lafrance and Harold Tuckie.

Congregational Church
Services at the Congregational church tomorrow will be at the regular hours, and the pastor, Rev. Franklin Reeves, will preach. A concert will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The concert was to have been held last Sunday but was postponed because of bad weather. It is being almost impossible to notify all of the postponement a large number of parishioners braved the elements and managed to make their way to the church only to learn that the concert had been put off. In order not to disappoint them, however, a short concert was held for their benefit.

Plymouth Mission
The annual Sunday school treat for the children of the Plymouth mission will be held in the mission hall tonight. Tomorrow the regular Sunday services will be held. The attendance at the Sunday school classes for the year 1915 was most encouraging and it is to be hoped that it will continue so for the ensuing term. All the children should start the new year right by being present at the classes tomorrow. Although the storm raged at the Sunday school hour last Sunday, most of the mission pupils were in attendance and recited their lessons. Many of them had perfect attendance records for the entire year.

New Bungalow
Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens have moved into their new bungalow near their former residence. The plan of the building and its construction, which is fitted with the latest up-to-date appliances, make the new residence one of the most attractive in the whole town. The bungalow was built under the personal direction of Mr. Stevens who is a contractor.

High School
The North high school reopened this week with a large attendance. There were many of the scholars, however, who felt disappointed at not having been granted the one session for the week, as has been the custom in the past.

The pupils of the schools are gathering an industrial exhibit for their own use, and are much pleased with the contributions which are pouring into the school in answer to their communications. Exhibits are being received from various large cities and towns throughout the country. It is the plan of the energetic head of the school, Principal Arthur Trubey, to have one of the best exhibits in the state. That plenty of cooperation is being given by local concerns is evidenced by the following communication from G. G. Sargent's Sons Corp., of Graniteville:

Graniteville, Mass., 1915.
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Yours truly,
Fred W. Swain.

High School Seniors' Ball
A New Year's eve dancing party was held last night in the town hall under the auspices of the senior class of the North high school and the event proved to be a grand success. Suffice it to say that all the invitations sent out received a ready response, despite the many counter attractions being held in the city, and a large and merry crowd was in attendance when the festivities opened.

The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreen, mistletoe and trimmings of red and green, while myriads of incandescents lent a pleasing touch of color to the scene. Over the stage appeared a clock with the hour-hand making at the midnight hour and the scene "1915" which acted as a gentle reminder of the purpose of the party.

The matrons' corner and that set aside for refreshments on the opposite side were in keeping with the rest of the decorative scheme, and the beauty of the entire setting was enhanced by the attractive gowns of the young ladies, many of whom made their first appearance as budding graduates. Marlene's Crescent orchestra furnished the music for the occasion, each dance number giving everybody in attendance plenty of opportunity of merrily finishing the old year and starting the new in a happy manner. After intermission the dancers expectantly awaited the coming of the new year, the hall being dimmed for a few minutes before the important hour arrived.

As soon as the new year had been ushered in the gaiety of the young people increased and was taken part in by their seniors, and much fun was derived from an impromptu confetti battle, which took place between the occupants of the gallery and those on the floor.

The matrons who rendered valuable assistance in making the event one of

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Moleskin Coats and Corduroy Coats, blanket or sheepskin lined, sold up to \$6.00, for..... **\$4.00**

Corduroy Coats, sheepskin lined, with sheepskin collar, sold up to \$6.50, for **\$5.00**

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the most enjoyable in the history of the school were: Mrs. Patrick S. Ward, Mrs. Rose McNally, Mrs. Joseph D. Ryan, Mrs. George Hodge and Mrs. Arthur W. Trubey. The officers of the senior class are as follows: John Dunigan, president; Miss Mildred Ward, vice-president; Miss Germaine O'Leary, secretary; Leo Ryan, treasurer.

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Dr. Cecile S. Greil, the New York Red Cross physician who was on board the Italian steamer Ancona when the vessel was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine off the coast of

Tunis on Nov. 7, with great loss of life, arrived in New York on the French liner Bordeaux. Dr. Greil said that in her opinion the captain and other officers of the Ancona did all in their power to save the lives of those on board, while Carlo Lombardi, the third officer, displayed great bravery by rescuing two women and a child from the water under fire.

Deposit that Christmas money in The Lowell Five-Cent Savings Bank. To day, January 1st, is "Quarter Day."

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Building Permits Are Few, But Several Structures Are Under Way—Transactions for Week

Although the stormy weather of the past week put a damper on building operations in this city permits aggregating about \$10,000 were issued through the office of the lands and buildings department.

The most important was that granted to Frank Sherwood to make alterations in the Runkels building in Merrimack square. The Runkels property belongs to the B. F. Keith estate of which Mr. Sherwood is local agent. The alterations and improvements will be confined to the store on the first floor which was occupied by B. A. Wilson & Co. F. B. Adams and McCauley Bros. up to the first of the month. After the work is completed and the partition which separates this store from A. W. Dows & Co. is taken down, the latter firm will occupy the modern and up-to-date quarters. It is expected that cost of alterations will be in the vicinity of \$2000.

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BELLEVUE CLUB BANQUET

ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE AF-
FAIR IN OLD FELLOWS HALL—
THE PROGRAM

Bringing his address and the old
year to an end simultaneously was
the achievement of Hon. James B. Casey
at the Bellevue club banquet and New
Year's eve celebration at Old Fellows
hall last evening. Just as the bells of
the city were ringing out the midnight
hour and the passing of 1915, Mr. Casey
uttered the last word of his dis-
course and said: "As it is now 1916
I wish you all a very happy and pros-
perous new year."

Last evening's banquet marked the
first attempt of the Bellevues in that
line and its success augurs well for
the future. Every arrangement was
made in the most efficient manner and all
present pronounced it one of the most
enjoyable events of the season.

During the early part of the evening
the members and invited guests met in
the well appointed rooms of the club
on the second floor of the Old Fel-
lows building. At 11:30 the guests
formed and all marched to the banquet
hall to the accompaniment of an ex-
cellent march. There the festivities
were opened by Chairman Alex John-
ston. He extended a hearty welcome
to all and thanked the guests for their
presence after which he introduced
George Tighe as toastmaster. Mr.
Tighe made a neat speech of welcome
in which he thanked the members for
honoring him with the position.

As Mr. Casey, the principal speaker,
had another engagement he was
then called upon and he delivered an
eloquent address on the significance of
the occasion. He told of the custom of
making resolutions at the beginning of
the new year, to be broken, probably
a day later. Make resolutions, he said,
but do not make resolutions, be care-
ful and judicious, and when you ar-
rive at your decision be determined to
carry it to a successful conclusion.

He impressed upon all the fact that
with the coming of the new year, all
should strive to attain something
higher. Take advantage of the oppor-
tunities offered to better your position
in life. While it is a duty for you to
see that your organization ad-
vances, you should not be too en-
thusiastic over it. You should devote
some time to yourself. You should
stop and think what you must do to
attain your goal. If you do this suc-
cess will crown your efforts. I do hope
that your club will prosper, but I
would rather see you prosper as in-
dividuals, he said.

An appetizing turkey supper, with

all the fixin's was then enjoyed. Wal-
ter Clough was then called upon for
a song and he responded by giving a
"Perfect Day" perfectly. He was
obliged to respond to several encores.
William H. Sullivan responded for the
press. He expressed pleasure at being
present on such an enjoyable occasion
and congratulated the club on its re-
markable success since its formation
one year ago. He told of the consoling
words placed the Bellevues occupy among
the prominent clubs of Lowell, and
advised the formation of literary and
debating branches for the edification
and entertainment of the members.

David C. Boyle sang "The Song of
Songs" and he, too, was forced to come
back and give a few more selections.
George Tighe sang "Bon Bon Ba"
and for an encore gave "Back Home in
Tennessee." Messrs. Clough and John-
ston in that popular selection, "I Found
You Among the Roses" brought down
the house. A duet by A. Sutcliffe and
John Ward was well received. Piano
selections were played by Thomas Fa-
gin and Leo Longley.

The committee in charge of the ban-
quet was as follows: Chairman, Thomas
McArdle, Alfonso Levasseur and George
Tighe.

Those Present
Hon. J. B. Casey
Wm. H. Sullivan
George Tighe
Thos. McArdle
Al. Levasseur
Wm. Rogers
John Ward
Benj. Nevins
Albert Sutcliffe
Arthur Purcell
Bert Greenwood
Patrick Rogers
Frank Fickory
Alex. Johnston
John Lawson
Geo. Davidson
Geo. Simpson
David Boyle
Walter Clough
Wm. Rogers
Wm. Roy
Geo. Lortche
Jos. Willis
Geo. Brennan
Wm. Devinas
R. Marshall
Frank Chandler
R. McDonald
W. Marshall
Miles Yayo

BASKETBALL COMMENT
Lowell journeys to Marlboro tonight
for a regular league game.
The Bellevues quintet will play the
speedy L. M. A. team in Lawrence's
next Saturday night. A large follow-
ing will accompany the local team to
the downriver city.
The Mystic Five aggregation will
probably open its season next Wednes-
day evening with a game out-of-town.
The amateur sport will be continued
at the Y.M.C.A. and no more rough-
house tactics will be tolerated by the
management. Offending players, whether
members of the visiting team or
representatives of the society will be
put out of the game at the slightest
sign of roughhouse tactics hereafter.
Wally Lyons, the old South End play-
er, should catch on with one of the
fast club teams. Lyons is an excep-
tionally good defensive man and he

plays the game for all it's worth.
A report has it that a quintet which
will include Jimmy Grant in its lineup
is making plans to challenge the Low-
ell team.
Manager Eddie Brennan's challenge
to the management of the Lowell team
has not been answered as yet. The
Lowell team will be unable to play any
local team until after the close of the
league season.

INDIAN CLUB
The Indian club held its first ladies'
night last evening at 42 West street
and the large attendance had a most
enjoyable time. An excellent concert
was given after which dancing was en-
joyed. Music for the dancing was fur-
nished by Messrs. Clough and Daley's
orchestra. During the evening refreshments
were served. Wm. Gilbride acted as pianist
of the evening. Among those who
contributed to the entertainment were:
Miss Mae Malloy, James Daley, James
McDonnell, J. P. Mahan, D. Martin,
George Ashworth, bag pipes, James
Daley; step dancing, James O'Garra;
song and dance, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce;
monologue, Mr. Edward Conway of
Boston.

300 LIVES WERE LOST
FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN DE-
STRUCTION OF BRITISH WAR-
SHIP NATAL IN HARBOR
LONDON, Jan. 1.—When the British
armored cruiser Natal was sunk in
harbor Thursday afternoon by an
internal explosion, about 300 of the
crew of 700 were killed.
The loss is generally attributed to
foul play. In support of this theory
attention is called to the similar dis-
asters that overtook the British bat-
tleship Bulwark, blown up off Sher-
ness in November of last year with
the loss of 700 or more men, and the
British steamship Princess Irene
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May, with the loss of between 300 and
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SOUTH END CLUB
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J. B. Casey's Address
The third annual New Year's eve
banquet of the members and friends
of the South End club held last eve-
ning at the Waverly hotel was one of
the greatest successes ever attempted by
the popular Gorham street organization.
The festivities opened shortly before
midnight with about 100 in at-
tendance and from then on to the hour
which marked the advent of the new
year all united in making the spacious
banquet hall the scene of one of the
merriest gatherings in years.
The occasion was made as far as
possible a club reunion. Many of the
older members were present and good
fellowship reigned supreme. Nearly
all the speakers of the talent that con-
tributed to the musical program were
members or former members of the
organization and they were given a
royal South End greeting.
Lines were formed at about 11:30
o'clock and all marched to the banquet
hall where a very tempting and sub-
stantial menu had been prepared by
the hotel management.
After a selection on the piano by
William Gilbride, Richard Barry, a
member of the Emerson players now
appearing in stock at the Opera House
was called upon. He first responded
with a song, "Little Bit of Heaven
Called Ireland," and then he told a
number of witty stories which were
decidedly big for he was anchored
time and again. His last number was
an Irish sentimental selection.
Walter Davis, Edward "Tip" Hanley
and Frank Ginty favored with songs
and Mayor Murphy made a few brief
remarks. The concluding speaker was
Daniel J. Donahue, who spoke of the
triumphs and disappointments of the
past year and urged all to make good
resolutions for the year 1916. "Help
one another during the coming year,"
said Mr. Donahue, "and you will be
doing your full duty to your organiza-
tion and to yourselves."
The banquet ended with the assem-
bly singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."
William Carey, manager of the hotel,
is to be congratulated on the ar-
rangements for the delightful menu.
Messrs. Walter Lyons, John Donnelly
and Frank Corcoran had direct charge
of the affair for the South End club
and they are deserving of much praise
for their success of the affair.

After paying a glowing tribute to
the club and the progressive spirit of
its young men Mr. Casey said:
"Tonight as we reflect on the years
that are past, memories pleasant and
sad crowd upon us. Perhaps we have
everything to be thankful for, and few
things to regret. If so, we indeed are
fortunate. It is a sad commentary
upon human existence that no matter
how much we may despair about our
environment and situation in life, we
may look around us and find some of
our fellow men more unfortunate than
ourselves. Years deal more kindly
with some than with others. Every
man, however, has his troubles, prob-
lems and worries, and yet many times
we magnify in our mind what we con-
sider unpleasant situations that com-
front us. I am reminded of a few
lines I once read in a newspaper that
to my mind contained much upon the
philosophy of life. 'I am an old man,
I have had many troubles in life, but
the greater part of them never hap-
pened.' It is indeed true that we
many times give unnecessary concern
about matters that are possible of ad-
justment without the worry we sub-
ject ourselves to beforehand.
The year just closed has brought
its share of happiness to many, and
yet it has brought more than its
share of misery, desolation and
death. Fair fields and valleys, where
in other years the sun looked down
upon scenes of peace, happiness
and contentment, have been bathed
in the warm blood of fathers, hus-
bands and sons. The New Year
opens upon scenes of suffering and
horror beyond description. We know
that the chill air of autumn destroyed
the flowers of summer time, but we
also know that those same flowers
will again blossom forth with the re-
turn of another summer. But what
about the flower of the manhood of
nations? Deeply do we realize that
the sturdy manhood of the nations is
destroyed forever, and that it can
never be restored. God grant that
the New Year will see a cessation
of needless strife and warfare. The
old year has seen peace and order
maintained in our own country, be-
cause a strong man at the helm has
guided the ship of state safely through
its perilous passage. May the New
Year see our country the harbinger
of peace and good will among the
warring nations of the earth. With
such hopes and desires do we welcome
the New Year. Blessed indeed will be
the New Year, if such things come
to pass."

OFFERS 33 MEN FOR GROH
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Manager Joe
Tinker of the new Cubs team will
have 33 players to dispose of this win-
ter, and is willing to trade all of
them off for one man. If he could get

the Cincinnati club to part with the
services of Heine Groh, star second-
sacker, Joe would turn over all the
surplus players on his list for that
same Heine.
This is one of the most liberal offers
ever made in baseball. Many of the
players Tinker will dispose of are
good men who will be of great service
to the Reds. Some of them are good
pitchers he is unable to make use of
because of the coming season.

STEAMER LOST IN STORM
THE MIGUEL BENLIERE WRECK-
ED OFF SCILLY ISLANDS—CREW
MISSING
MADRID, Dec. 31, via Paris.—News
was received here today of the loss of
the Scilly Islands of the steamer Miguel
Benliere in a storm. There were
42 members of the crew.
No steamship of this name is given
in maritime reports.

BIG LINER SUNK
Continued
tion. It is announced officially at
Petrograd that there has been fight-
ing south of Hamadan with Persian
gendarmes who have taken up arms
against the Russians.
Turks Report Success
The Franco-British force which
was left at the tip of the Gallipoli
peninsula for the evacuation of the
Anzac and Suvla Bay positions is
engaged in hard fighting. A Turkish
official communication says the po-
sitions of the allies near Seddul Bahr
have been damaged by Turkish arti-
llery in the course of a violent conflict.
It is also said a Turkish aeroplane
dropped a bomb on the British bat-
tleship Swiftsure.

Attack at Saloniki
Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria is
quoted in a Berlin despatch as say-
ing military operations against the
British and French at Saloniki will
be inaugurated shortly. Another de-
spatch from Berlin, however, says
that, according to the Bulgarian
commander in chief, Gen. Joffe, no
decision on this point had been
reached a week ago.

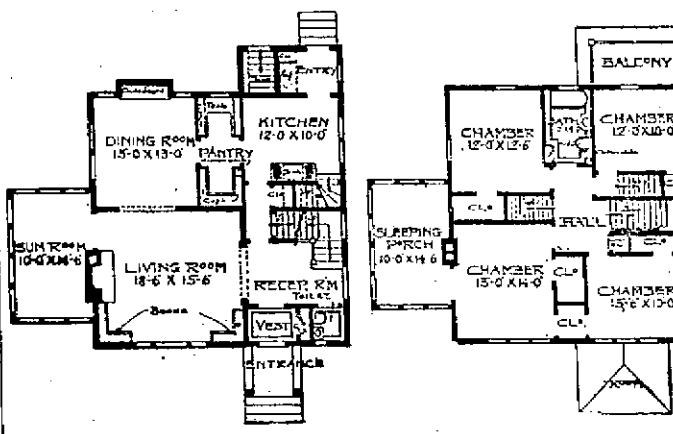
THREE AMERICANS ON BOARD
LONDON, Jan. 1, 10:42 a. m.—The
British liner Persia was sunk Thurs-
day and most of the passengers and
crew were lost. Robert McNeely, Amer-
ican consul at Aden, was a passenger

on the Persia.
Four boats got clear before the Per-
sia sank.
In addition to Mr. McNeely, two
other Americans are known to have
been passengers on the Persia when
she left London. Charles H. Grant, was
on his way to Bombay, Edward Rose,
a school boy, was on the way from
Denver to Gibraltar. Rose probably
landed at Gibraltar and was not on
board the boat at the time she was
sunk.
"NEARLY ALL PERISHED"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Official de-
spatches from London today said the
liner Persia was torpedoed and sunk
"while approaching Alexandria," and
that "nearly all perished."
WAS TORPEDOED
LONDON, Jan. 1, 3:08 p. m.—A mes-
sage from the admiralty to the Fran-
co-British and Oriental Co. makes the
definite announcement that the Persia
was torpedoed.
BOSTON MAN ON BOARD
LONDON, Jan. 1, 1:55 p. m.—Charles
Grant, who was a passenger on the
Persia, came from Boston, Mass. His
address in that city was 45 Federal
street.
LAST NIGHT'S WAR FEATURES
Germans claim British trench at
Hulluch has been taken.
Greece protests to allies on arrest
of central powers' consuls at Saloniki.
Turks in Mesopotamia ask armis-
tice from British to bury dead and
save wounded.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—
Middlesex Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons inter-
ested in the estate of Anthony C. Ri-
vers, late of Lowell, in said County,
deceased, Intestate.
Whereas a petition has been present-
ed to said Court to grant a letter of
administration on the estate of said
deceased to Nellie A. Thorn, of Lowell,
in said County, or to some other suit-
able person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
eleventh day of January, A. D. 1916,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by pub-
lishing this citation once in each week,
for three successive weeks, in The Low-
ell Sun, a newspaper published in Low-
ell, the last publication to be on or
after at least before said Court, and by mail-
ing postpaid a copy of this citation to
the next of kin of said deceased, serv-
ing at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Regis-
trare, First Judge of said Court, this
twenty-fourth day of December, in the
year one thousand nine hundred and
fifteen.
W. E. ROGERS, Register

UNIQUE SUN PARLOR EXTENSION



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

This design presents the up to date arrangement of living room, sun parlor and porch entrance. Above the sun parlor at the side is a sleeping porch or sun parlor, off from the front chamber. Off from the vestibule there is a coat closet, and off from the reception room there is a good sized toilet. The dining room is large, with a built in sideboard. Large pantry between the living room and dining room. In the second story there are four large chambers and bath. Maid's room in the attic, if desired. Size thirty-two feet wide by thirty feet deep, exclusive of all projections. First story nine feet high, second story eight feet, basement seven feet. Heights in the clear when finished. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, about \$4200.

one new bathroom will be placed on the third floor. The stairway will be covered with metal and made thoroughly fireproof in accordance with requirements of the state laws. Three thousands dollars is the estimated cost of the converting of the residence into a children's home and day nursery.

Jean P. Bernier has been granted a permit to erect a three apartment house at 87-89 West Sixth street. Each apartment building will have a frontage of 24 feet and extend back 53 feet. The value of the proposed building is estimated at between \$3800 and \$4000.

The Lamson Co. is erecting a building for storage purposes in Walker street. It will be one-story high, eighty feet long and twenty-four feet deep. There will be no basement, the building resting on concrete posts.

Harry L. Wheeler has purchased the building more commonly known as the Flood block at the corner of Westford and Loring streets. It is understood that Mr. Wheeler purchased for investment. The property which was owned by C. L. Flood is a three story brick structure and is occupied by five stores and a number of tenements.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

For the Week Ending Dec. 31.

LOWELL

Fred W. Wood et al. trs. to Hiram Leet, land on Hildreth avenue.
William E. Farrar to Patrick O'Hearn, land and buildings corner Tyler street and passageway.
George A. Coburn to Guy F. Cockran, land on Stevens street.
Mary A. Rogers et al. to John F. Rogers, land on Montreal street.
John Rabias et al. to Cosmas George et al., land and buildings corner Adams street and passageway.
Cyrus W. Russell et al. to Isaac Bernstien, land and buildings corner Merrimack street and Suffolk streets.
Mary S. Russell, est., by admr. to Isaac Bernstien, land and buildings cor-

ner Merrimack and Suffolk streets.
Virgil Levy et al. to Alfred A. Jemery, land and buildings corner Lakeview avenue and Campaw street.
Lowell Realty Co., by trs. to Charles S. Wislowsky, land on College street.
Guy F. Cockran et al. to Hornsblads, Cerals, land and buildings on Victoria street.

BILLERICA
Michael F. Kelly et al. to Charles H. Dawes, land at Nuttings Lake Park.
Michael R. Connolly et al., to Frank Watson, land.
Michael R. Connolly, et ux., to Benjamin Hurdner, land corner Cook road and Newhall street.
Aaron Adelman et ux. to Minnie P. Gilchrist, land corner Adelman road and Mainus street.
Lawrence A. Adington et ux., to George J. Duttie, land.

DRACUT
Joseph J. Letourneau et ux. to John Le Veque, land at Collins Park.

TEWKSBURY
Annie A. Stanger, et al. to Louis F. Stanger, land and buildings on Oak street.
Evariste Richard et ux. to Fallais Paquette et ux., land and buildings at Fairview.

WESTFORD
Albert Reyes et ux. to Abbot Worsted Co., land and buildings corner River and Main streets.
William J. Burbeck et ux. to Adeline T. Burbeck, land and buildings.

WILMINGTON
James E. Burke, tr., to Anna Maruszewicz, land at Wilmington Gardens Addition.
James E. Burke, tr., to Charles H. Daniels, land at Wilmington Manor.

INCREASE IN WAGES

METHUEN, Jan. 1.—The Lawrence Burling & Sewing Co. today announced a 10 per cent increase in the wages of its 100 employees effective Jan. 3.

JOHN BRADY

155 Church Street—Telephone
DRY SHAW WOOD, MILL, KIDNIDING WOOD, SPILLAGE EDGINGS, HARD WOOD, LEAD WOOD, CUTS, HAND and SOFT WOOD TRASH. Guar- antee my \$1 and \$2 Loads of Mill Kindlings to be the Best in Lowell. If not as represented the wood is free.

TO THE SKEPTICAL

Rivermere is the Place to Buy
ELMER R. BARTLETT
Near Jones' Corner
BillERICA, Mass.

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Certain-teed Roofing

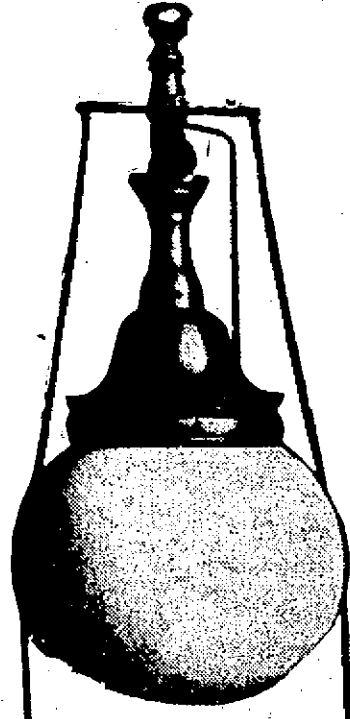
ADAMS HARDWARE

AND PAINT CO.
400-414 MIDDLESEX ST.

M. J. SHARKEY

22 CENTRAL ST. TEL. 2087-W
Open Saturday and Monday evenings

We wish you all a Happy New Year
And hope that each day will be bright
The long win't'y nights 'll be full of good
cheer
If you use OUR INVERTED GAS
LIGHT.



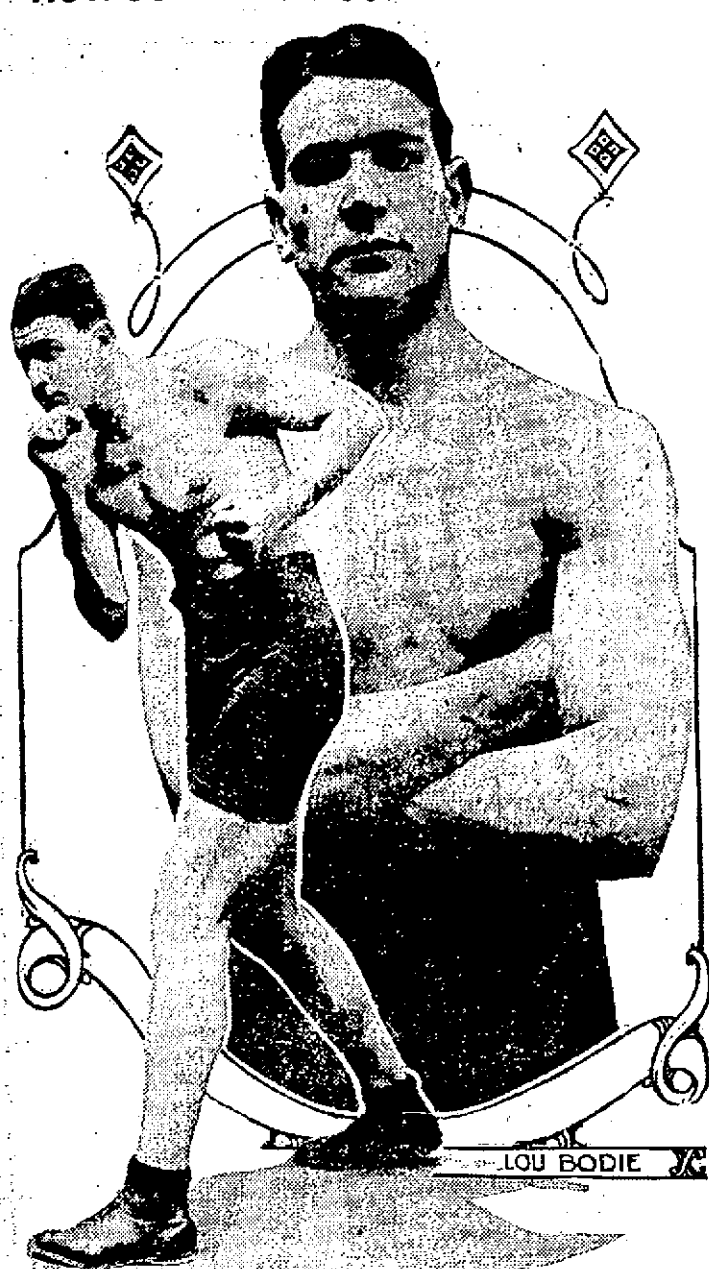
\$1.25
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158-170 Middle Street. Tel. 2360

LOU BODIE, NEW HEAVYWEIGHT GIANT HOTFOOT AFTER COFFEY AND MORAN



NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Another new giant heavyweight fighter has appeared on the pugilistic horizon. He is Lou Bodie of Deer Lodge, Mont., who claims the championship of the northwest. Bodie is now in this city looking for a match with any of the leading men in his division, so he can display his fighting ability before the fans in this section. He says he would like nothing better than a crack at Frank Moran, Jim Coffey or Gunboat Smith. Bodie is six feet six inches in height and tips the beam at 225 pounds stripped. He has a reach of eight-five inches and claims he has a long list of victories to his credit. Those who have seen Bodie box are of the opinion he will make it mighty interesting for any of the so-called champions here. Bodie was born in Bucklio, Kan., July 17, 1890, and has been boxing for three years.

COTTON MILL WORKERS

HEAD OF NEW FEDERATION OF NEW ENGLAND OPERATIVES WILL RECEIVE \$100 A YEAR

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 31.—The president of the new federation of New England cotton mill operatives which is being formed will receive a salary of \$100 a year, and the secretary and treasurer will each receive the same amount. This is the recommendation of the joint committee made today by the New Bedford and Fall River Textile councils which is drawing up proposed by-laws to submit to the operatives convention in Boston on January 13.

The new federation will be called the American Federation of Textile Operatives.

DELAYED BY GALES

Steamer on which Henry Ford is Passenger Will Not Arrive Till Next Sunday

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The steamship Bergensford on which Henry Ford

The Inside of the Hotel

Is the part that counts with the guest. The architect doesn't make a hotel, he only designs it. The builder doesn't make a hotel, he only builds it.

Don't select your stopping place from the outside. Look behind the front wall and see what is back of it.

The success of the Hotel Martinique is the personality back of it, which shows in the lobby, at the desk, in the restaurants and in the rooms.

The telephone attendants, the mail clerks, the room maids, every bellboy reflects the personality back of the "House of Taylor." We don't preach prices only. We have pleasant, homelike rooms from \$1.50 up.

In one and all you will find reflected the careful and insistent idea of guest-service that dominates every moment of your stay.

Located in the Heart of Things, only a golf stroke from the Pennsylvania Depot. On Broadway's throbbing centre. The Martinique is the logical New York home for those on business or pleasure bent.

MARTINIQUE

32nd Street NEW YORK

Stock Market Closing Prices Dec. 31

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

NEW YORK MARKET				BOSTON MARKET			
Stocks	High	Low	Close	Stocks	High	Low	Close
Am Beet Sugar	70	69	70	Bos & Maine	36	35 1/2	35 1/2
Am Can	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	Pittsburg pf	76	76	76
Am Can pf	112	112	112	N Y & N H	77 1/2	76	77 1/2
Am Car & Fm	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	MINING			
Am Col Oil	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	Adventure	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Am Hide & J. pt.	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	Alaska Gold	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Am Locomo	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	Algonah	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Am Smelt & R.	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	Allouez	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Am Sugar Rfn	115 1/2	113 1/2	115 1/2	American Zinc	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Am Sugar pf	114 1/2	111 1/2	114 1/2	Ardenian	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Talc	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	Arizona Con	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Atchafalpa	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	Battle & Superior	72 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2
Baldwin Loco	119 1/2	117 1/2	119 1/2	Cal & Arizona	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Balt & Odo	96	95 1/2	96	Cal & Hecla	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Bk Rap Train	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	Centennial	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Canadian Pa	184 1/2	182 1/2	184 1/2	Chino	55 1/2	54 1/2	55 1/2
Chile	25	24 1/2	25	Copper Range	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2
Cent Leather	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Daly West	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Cent Leather pf	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	E Butte	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Ches & Ohio	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	Franklin	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Chl & W	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	Granby	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Col Fuel	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	Green Cornudas	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2
Consol Gas	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Isle Royale	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Crucible Steel	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Lake	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Del & Hud	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2	Mass	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Dls Secur Co	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	Mayflower	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Eric	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	Mohawk	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Eric 1st pf	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2	Nevada	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Eric 2d pf	54 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	North Butte	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Gen Elec	174 1/2	173 1/2	174 1/2	Old Colony	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Gl N Ore	127 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2	Old Dominion	64 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2
Gl N Ore ctf	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2	Oscoda	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Calif Pete	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	Quincy	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2
do pref	80 1/2	77 1/2	80 1/2	Rio Copper	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Int Paper	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Shannon	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Int Paper pf	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	Superior & Boston	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
M M O	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	Trinity	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
In S 1st	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	U S Smelting pf	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Iowa 2d	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	Utah-Apex	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Kidman Co	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	Utah Cons	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Kan City So pf	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	Wagon Wheel	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Lehigh Valley	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	Wolverine	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Louis & N	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	TELEPHONE			
Mexican Petroleum	121 1/2	115 1/2	121 1/2	Am Tel & Tel	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
Missouri Pa	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	New Eng Tel	132 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2
Nat Lead	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	MISCELLANEOUS			
N Y Air Brake	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	Am Ag Chem Com.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
N Y Central	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	Am Ag Chem pf	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Nor & West	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2	Am Woolen pf	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
No Am Co	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	Mass Elec pf	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
North Pacific	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	Mass Gas	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Out & West	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Mass Ice	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Pennsylvania	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	Met & N	77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2
People's Gas	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	United Fruit	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2
Pressed Steel	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	United Sh M	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Pullman Co	163 1/2	163 1/2	163 1/2	United Sh M pf	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Ry St Sp Co	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	COTTON MARKET			
Reading	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures			
Rep Iron & S	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	opened steady. January 12.19; Mar			
Rock Is	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	12.41; May 12.67; July 12.82; Octo			
Rock Is pf	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	12.97. Cotton futures closed stea			
St Paul	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	January 12.23; March 12.48; N			
So Pacific	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	12.69; July 12.86; October 12.9			
Southern Ry	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	steady; middling 12.40.			
Studebaker	167 1/2	167 1/2	167 1/2	BOSTON MARKET			
Tenn Copper	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Local min			
Texas Pac	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	ing shares opened quiet and firm			
Third Ave	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	today but the upward trend in N			
Union Pacific	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	ew York soon brought higher pr			
U S Rub	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2				
U S Steel	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2				
U S Steel pf	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2				
U S Steel 5s	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2				
Utah Copper	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2				
Westinghouse	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2				
Western Un	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2				
Wiscon Cen	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2				

rick S. Pearson of New York and Lowell, Mass., who lost his life on the steamship Lusitania, has been sworn to for probate at \$328,960 (\$1,164,800). Dr. Pearson had large railroad and oil interests in Mexico.

THREE MEN BURNED TO DEATH

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Dec. 31.—Three men were burned to death here today in a fire which practically destroyed the Farmers Inn, the leading hotel of the city.

ADVANCES AT OPENING

DEALINGS IN FIRST HOUR LARGE

EST IN WEEKS—CLOSING WAS

STRONG

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year on the exchange opened with wide and general advances, the outcome of the Austrian situation being signalled by a broad buying movement. U. S. Steel's initial offering consisted of 12,000 shares at \$39 to \$42, an overnight gain of two points and duplicating its maximum of the last five years.

Shares of the so-called war class were one to three points higher, with especial strength in Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive and Republic Steel, coppers more moderately advanced, while the oil group added substantially to recent gains.

Dealings in the first hour were the largest in several weeks, approaching 300,000 shares. Steel, American Smelting and the petroleum were the most active issues. Prices reacted soon after the opening, the temptation to take profits being too strong. The market took all offerings, however, and representative shares extended early gains substantially.

U. S. Steel, the Pacific and New York Central were higher by 1 to 2 points. Another rise in copper created a fresh demand for that group, some rising 3 to 4 points and American Condo 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. Among the few backward issues was Bethlehem Steel, which declined 1 1/2 to 1 3/4. Bonds were strong.

Mexican Petroleum and American Smelting were the absorbing features of the mid-session. Mexican rose to 121 1/2, an overnight gain of 7 points, and an advance of 1 1/2 for the week. Smelting at 108 1/2 was 4 1/2 over yesterday's close.

Oils, mercantile, pig, tobacco and other high priced issues dominated the later dealings. The closing was strong.

MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mercentile paper 3 3/4 %; Sterling: Sixty day bills 4 1/2 %; demand 4 3/4 %; cables 4 1/4. France: Demand 5 1/2 %; cables 5 3/8. Markets: Demand 5 1/2 %; cables 7 1/2. Guilders: Demand 4 3/4 %; cables 4 3/4. Lires: Demand 3 1/2 %; cables 3 1/2. Bar silver 50. Mexican dollars 42. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds closing 1 1/2 %; loans steady. Low 1 1/2 %; rating rate 2; last loan 2; closing bid 1 1/4; offered at 1.

EXCHANGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Exchanges, \$489,452,333; balances, \$35,470,657.

REVOLUTION IN CHINA

GEN. LISHUN DECLARES HIS INDEPENDENCE OF YUAN SHI KAI

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Gen. Lishun, commanding Chinese government troops in the Province of Kiang-Si has declared his independence of Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese Republic association.

PROPERTY OF DR. PEARSON

LOWELL MAN LOST WITH LUSITANIA LEFT PROPERTY IN ENGLAND WORTH \$1,164,800

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The value of the property in England of Dr. Fred-

MEMBERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES WILL BE CONSULTED IN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS



A new and important element was introduced into the American controversy with Austria when strong sentiment developed among democratic leaders in congress in favor of being consulted in the crisis. During the house into his confidence. The state-ment was made by a responsible se-ator, whose name could not be used, that assurances would be given that there would be no rupture with Aus-tria-Hungary until after the dem-ocratic committee on foreign relations had been con-

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We are starting the New Year in a way which you will always remember as a big money-saving event. Read these reductions.

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We will give you special STYLE, unexcelled TAILORING and correct FIT.

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In fabrics—500 and more distinctive designs. There are herringbones, pencil stripes, pinchecks—all beautiful imported and domestic goods. Our prices are right—one price and honest value.

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NOTHING NEW ON WAGES

MILL AGENTS DID NOT MEET TO-DAY—INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT AT LEAST

No meeting of the mill agents was held today to discuss the details of the wage advance and readjustments which have been promised for January 2, and the matter will probably be gone over tomorrow afternoon.

It is believed that the agents, acting unanimously have made recom-mendations to the treasurers of the various corporations and are waiting for their action. The chances favor a wage scale at least 5 per cent above the present schedule. Supt. Whittier, of the Hamilton mills secretary of the committee of mill agents is formed. A Sun representative this afternoon that there was nothing new to be given out at present.

CITY HALL NOTES

The following figures having to do with Sunday licenses, Sunday theatre, were given out at the office of the mayor today: 1912, no record; 1913, \$581; 1914, \$3095; 1915, \$3482.

Rev. Lawrence E. Tighe, O.M.I. of the Immaculate Conception church will offer prayer at the inaugural exer-cise on Monday and the oath of office will be administered by Judge En-right.

LICENSE BOARD MET

In order to renew all applications for auctioneer and theatre licenses that expire tonight, the license com-missioner held a special meeting this afternoon. The following renewals were announced: Theatres, George Husson, 488 Merrimack street; Har-pool and Topjian, 507 Merrimack street; and Lowell Theatre Co., by Walter J. Nelson, Merrimack square. Auctioneer, Edward H. Clark, 419 Hil-dreth building; Simon B. Harris, 53 Central street; Charles F. Keyes, 10 Green street; James S. Hanson, 61 Rock street.

SHOE WORKER ARRESTED

George Farmer, 27 years of age and a shoemaker by trade, was arrested this afternoon by Lieut. Maher on a warrant charging him with the lar-ceny of sole leather from the plant of the Pilling Shoe Co., where he was employed.

DENIES THE REPORT

F. E. Nelson, of the firm of F. E. Nelson Co., proprietors of five and ten cent stores in Lowell and other cities, has denied the report that he will purchase the Howard block in Nashua for the purpose of opening new quar-ters.

NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED

Mayor Murphy today appointed the following men from the eligible list to the regular police force: James E. Mc-Cann, 53 Linden street; Walter L. Kilian, 21 Apple street; and Clyde R. Aldrich, 62 Chelmsford street.

83 DIE FROM TYPHUS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Announcement was made here today by representatives of the Carrara government that dur-ing November 315 people died in Mex-ico from typhus.

The Sun goes into nearly every home in Lowell and vicinity. Merchants know that Sun readers respond to their advertisements.

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THE LOWELL SUN

LOWELL, MASS. SATURDAY JANUARY 1 1916

The Sun prints the news of the world when it is news and only such news as is fit to print. It is a clean family newspaper.

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THE SPELLBINDER

Human nature is the same in politics as with the rest of the world and hence it is not surprising to find the men who two years ago threw up their hands in holy horror because their predecessors raised salaries and appointed additional police officers at the close of the year, doing exactly the same thing as they are leaving office. And human nature extends to the newspapers, for the critics who two years ago wrote columns in criticism of the action of the retiring government in raising salaries and appointing police officers, haven't a word to say at this time.

But it surely does seem strange that while the supernumerary police officers already on the police force, have been getting only one and two days' work in a week, for nearly a year, and while certain routes have been left open for a long time, at the very last moment of the present administration three additional police officers are appointed. Some of the men appointed at the close of 1913 have had but a few days' work as police officers since their appointment two years ago, and yet this administration which could do for a whole year suddenly awakens to the necessity of appointing three more members of the department.

The street railway men are rather disappointed that none of their candidates found favor with Mayor Murphy. Within a few weeks after the publication of an advertisement criticizing the former mayor for certain alleged acts during the closing hours of his administration Mayor Murphy does exactly what he condemned his predecessors for doing. Within a few weeks Mayor Murphy raised salaries of subordinates and at Friday's meeting of the municipal council voted under certain restrictions to raise the salaries of other heads of departments, and at the very last moment he appointed three police officers, thereby doing what in his advertisement he condemned in the following language: "Increasing the current expenses of the city and appointing new city officials just before retiring from office."

The Leave-Over Administration

The administration which goes out of office on Monday earned two titles by which it may be recalled in the future. For two years it went along as the "do-nothing" administration, but the close of its term gives it the additional title of the "leave-over" government, for everything of importance that it did during the closing hours of its administration came up before it. The increase of certain salaries has been left over for the incoming government to take up.

That old temporary loan that was to be taken care of has been left over. The high school, the bridge, the hospital and Dunster street are very much left over.

Nine months ago a fire occurred in the Memorial building, and practically the same state of chaos exists at the Memorial building today as existed the day after the fire. No repairs have been completed and there's no head or tail to conditions there. It has all been left over.

When the administration of 1912-1913 went out of office it left behind it for the building of deposit vaults in city hall as required by law. The vaults have been left over, for two whole years, and will be put in by the incoming government.

Some time ago a contract for gas lighting expired and the making of a new contract has been left over.

Considerable discussion has been had relative to the reduction of the Memorial building, but the matter was simply discussed and then left over.

The disposal of the buildings in Kirk and Anne streets has also been left over.

In striking contrast to the general spirit of procrastination and uncertainty of this administration relative to important business matters was its great haste to increase salaries at the closing hour of its existence. The reason perhaps is explained by section 50 of the charter which reads as follows:

Sec. 50: The municipal council shall establish by ordinance the salary or compensation of every appointive officer, but after the first municipal year succeeding the acceptance of this act no ordinance changing any such salary or compensation shall take effect until the municipal year succeeding that in which the ordinance is passed.

This administration after allowing the matter of raising these salaries to go by until the last moment finally changed the ordinance at the last meeting. Their action complies with the letter of the charter, but how about the spirit?

The Inaugural

As the public has been invited to the inaugural exercises on the first come first served principle, undoubtedly there will be a large gathering at city hall. Inaugurations under the present charter have ceased to be the big and formal occasions of days gone, and it's just as well. Mayor-elect O'Donnell's inaugural address will be brief but

pointed. He will give his views on certain important matters that must come before the government together with a few suggestions on matters that have not come up for discussion. The mayor-elect intends from time to time to discuss the different matters of public interest that may arise, with the commissioners and heads of departments, with a view to giving the public the complete knowledge of the deliberations and plans of the government on all matters affecting the general welfare of the city. He is firmly opposed to the practice of discussing public matters in private or secret meetings.

THE SPELLBINDER.

BIG FIRE IN LUMBER YARD

Continued

The general alarm and the large volumes of smoke. At this time the blaze was inside the building and could not be seen from distant parts of the city. Police officers also responded to the general alarm in large numbers and were on hand keeping the crowd back so as not to interfere with the work of the department.

Streams Had Little Effect

Despite the bad travelling the fire apparatus arrived promptly and the fire lines of hose were turned on the onslaught of flames. No immediate result was attained, however, for while the firemen were pouring tons of water into the building the flames continued to shoot up at various points even under the point of the streams. Besides raging in the brick building, which is more than 100 feet long, the fire communicated to the frame building on the corner and did damage on the second story over the office of Pratt & Forest. Rubber blankets were placed over the furniture and book cases in the lumber office thereby lessening the damage by water to a great extent.

Fought From All Sides

The firemen fought the flames from all sides. In the rear of the building hose was lined down an avenue separating the Brooks property from a stone building owned by A. B. Woodworth. More hose was also laid down another alley and from these two places the streams were poured into the building. It was on Dutton street, facing the railroad tracks, that the most spectacular work of the firemen was done. The street in front of the building was filled with firemen pouring streams through the windows and doors. As one looked down the street he saw various groups of firemen directing the streams at the top of the blazing building. Ladders were placed against the building and from these the firemen poured their streams.

Over two miles of hose were put into use. All that is carried by the 12 hose companies. The Morse gun attached to Engine No. 63 wagon on Fletcher street was conspicuous in fighting the fire, the stream appearing to have much more pressure than the others.

Worked All Night

The fire apparatus remained on the scene practically all night. Engines and hose were stationed on the corner bridge on Fletcher street pumping water from the canal. Engine No. 6 was at Fletcher and Adams streets and Engine No. 1 was at Fletcher and Dutton streets. Engine No. 2 remained at the corner of Fletcher and Adams streets. About 10 o'clock, when the blaze was placed under control, the Corbridge apparatus was sent home but the rest remained on the scene all night.

Between the brick building where the fire raged and the building occupied by the Merrimack Laundry Co. is a strong fire wall which practically cuts the buildings in two. At the other end of the building, on the corner of Fletcher street, is another fire wall. Between these walls the flames roared throughout the night. Everything in the building from the cellar to the attic was ruined, most of which consisted of woodwork machinery of various concerns. The fire walls prevented the flames from spreading.

The exact origin of the fire could not be stated this morning. It is generally believed, however, that it started

Text of Austrian Reply

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—The following note, dated Dec. 29, in answer to the American government's demands concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine, has been delivered to Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador:

"In answer to your very esteemed note No. 4307, of the 21st instant, the subscriber has the honor to lay the following most respectfully before his excellency, the ambassador of the United States of America, Frederick Countland Penfield:

"The imperial and royal government agrees thoroughly with the American cabinet that the sacred commandments of humanity must be observed also in war. Just as it has hitherto given at no time and to no person occasion to doubt its respect for these commandments, in like manner also in the whole course of this war, which presents such pictures of confusion of moral conception, has it given numerous proofs of humanitarian sentiments toward enemies as well as toward neutral states, and it was not due to this government that it was, a short time ago, not in harmony with the Washington cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian government), in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-Hungary, regarding principally as a question of humanity.

"The imperial and royal government can also substantially concur in the principle expressed in the very esteemed note, that private ships, in so far as they do not flee or offer resistance, may not be destroyed without the persons aboard being brought into safety.

"The imperial and royal government is very responsive to the assurance that the federal government lays value upon seeing that the good relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America are maintained. It reciprocates this assurance most warmly, and is now, as heretofore, concerned to render these relations more hearty, so far as lies in its power.

Result of Investigation

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the United States, the imperial and royal government, although it does not find in the note previously referred to the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate to the federal government the result of the investigation which, in accordance with existing departmental regulations, was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Ancona, and which was just recently received.

"The result of this investigation may be summarized as follows: On Nov. 7, 1915, at 11:40 o'clock in the forenoon, the commander of the submarine observed in latitude 33.10 north longitude 10.05 east in foggy weather at a distance roundly 3000 metres and one point to starboard the outlines of a large Italian steamer. He took it at first for a transport steamer and turned about and fired from his rear gun a warning shot far from the vessel.

"Simultaneously he displayed the signal, 'Leave the ship.' The steamer did not stop, but rather turned aside and sought to escape. The commander at first remained stopped for some minutes in order to increase the distance, since he feared that the steamer had a stern gun and would fire at the submarine with it.

"When the distance had reached 1500 metres he fired the pursuit gun with full power, and fired from his forward gun at a decreasing distance 16 shells, among which he observed three hits. "During the chase the steamer went zigzag, and stopped only after the third hit. Thereupon the commander ceased firing.

"During the night the steamer had already, while at full speed, been some boats with passengers in their fall, which immediately capsized. After stopping, the steamer began launching boats.

"From a distance of about 2000 metres the commander saw that six boats were filled and rowed hastily away from the steamer. Another boat was capsized and floated keel up. The people held on to the hanging lines and to the capsized boat.

Great Panic Aboard

"During the further approach of the submarine the commander saw that a great panic reigned aboard and that he had to deal with a passenger steamer named, the Ancona, from Genoa. Therefore, he gave the occupants of the steamer more time than was required to leave the ship in lifeboats.

"At least 10 lifeboats were still aboard, which would have more than sufficed for the rescue of the persons still aboard. One of these boats hung, full of people, half turned outward on the davits.

"Since, however, except for this, no further move was made to lower boats, the commander decided after a lapse of 45 minutes to torpedo the ship in such a manner that it should remain a considerable time afloat, in order that, on the one hand, the getting of the people into the lifeboats should be hastened and that on the other, adequate opportunity should remain for rescuing the persons still aboard.

"Shortly thereafter a steamer became visible which was throwing out heavy clouds of smoke and headed toward the Ancona. It apparently had been summoned by the Ancona's wireless.

"Since the submarine commander had to reckon on an attack by a steamer which he took for an enemy cruiser, he submerged, after having, at 12:35 o'clock in the afternoon had a torpedo fired into the forward baggage hold of the Ancona from a distance of 500 metres. The Ancona listed about 10 degrees starboard and this ship was lowered.

"Thereupon an effort was made to lower the lifeboat which already was half turned out on the davits. It broke loose, however, and fell into the water. The lifeboat floated keel down further on, and the people held fast to the gunwale.

Steamer on Even Keel

"Of the other boats none was lowered into the

water, although persons could still be observed aboard. The steamer gradually righted itself to an even keel and settled so slowly that the submarine commander at first doubted whether the steamer would sink. Not until 1:20 o'clock did it sink after a lengthy parallel settling with the bow first.

"During these further 45 minutes all persons yet aboard could have been saved with difficulty with the boats still on hand.

"From the fact that this, contrary to his expectations, was done, the commander concluded that the crew, contrary to all seamen's customs, had accomplished their own rescue with the first boats and abandoned to themselves the passengers entrusted to their protection.

"The weather at the time of the incident was good, the sea calm, so that the lifeboats could have reached the nearest coast without danger, as, indeed, the lifeboats actually were damaged only by the unskilled lowering, but not after they had struck the water.

"The loss of the human lives is, in the first instance, by no means ascribable to the sinking of the ship, but, and in all probability, in a much higher measure, to the rapid lowering (blunter verfahren) of the boats during full speed, as well as to the fact that the crew, concerned only for itself, did not rescue the passengers of the capsized boats.

"It is also probably ascribable to shots which sank the fleeing vessel, but the death of persons who sank with the steamer is also, above all, ascribable to the disloyal conduct of the crew.

Incorrect Premises

"As appears from the above adduced state of affairs, the very esteemed note of Dec. 9 is based in many points on incorrect premises. Information reaching the United States government that solid shot was immediately fired toward the steamer is incorrect; it is incorrect that the submarine overhauled the steamer during the chase; it is incorrect that only a brief period was given for getting the people into the boats.

"On the contrary, an unusually long period was granted to the Ancona for getting passengers in the boats.

"Finally, it is incorrect that number of shells were still fired at the steamer after it had stopped.

"The facts of the case demonstrate further that the commander of the submarine granted the steamer a full 45 minutes' time, that is, more than an adequate period to give the persons aboard an opportunity to take to the boats. Then, since the people were not all saved, he carried out the torpedoing in such a manner that the ship could remain above water the longest possible time, doing this with the purpose of making possible the abandonment of the vessel on boats still in hand.

"Since the ship remained a further 45 minutes above water, he would have accomplished his purpose if the crew of the Ancona had not abandoned the passengers in a manner contrary to duty. With full consideration, however, of this conduct of the commander, aimed at accomplishing the rescue of the crew and passengers, the imperial and royal marine authorities reached the conclusion that he had omitted to take adequately into consideration the panic that had broken out among the passengers, which rendered difficult the taking to the boats, and the spirit of the regulation that imperial and royal marine officers shall fail in giving help to nobody in need, not even to an enemy.

"Therefore, the officer was punished in accordance with the existing rules, for exceeding his instructions.

"The imperial and royal government in the face of this state of affairs does not hesitate to draw the corresponding conclusions respecting the indemnification of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize, but in this regard it makes the following statement:

"The investigation into the sinking of the Ancona could naturally furnish no essential point on which to base a right to an indemnity to be granted American citizens. The imperial and royal government cannot, indeed, even according to the view of the Washington cabinet be held liable for damages which resulted from the undoubtedly justified bombardment of the fleeing ship.

"It should just as little have to answer for the damages which come to pass before the torpedoing of the ship through the faulty lowering of lifeboats or the capsizing of the lowered boats.

"The imperial and royal government must assume that the Washington government is in a position and disposed to give it (the Austro-Hungarian government), the required, and certainly not unimportant, information in this respect.

Will Disregard Gap in Proof

"If, however, because of possible lack of material proofs, the particular circumstances under which American citizens suffered damage should not have become known to the Union government, the imperial and royal government, in consideration for the humane and deeply regrettable incident and by a desire to proclaim once again its friendly feelings toward the federal government, would be gladly willing to disregard this gap in the evidence and to extend indemnities also to those damaged whose cause cannot be established.

"While the imperial and royal government may probably consider the affair of the Ancona as settled with the foregoing statements it reserves to itself at this time the right to bring up for discussion at a later period the definite questions of international law connected with submarine warfare.

"The undersigned has the honor to request most respectfully that his excellency the ambassador of the United States of America will be pleased to bring the foregoing to the attention of the federal government and takes advantage of this opportunity to renew to his excellency an expression of his most especial esteem.

"(Signed) "BURIN."

NEW DANGER THREATENED

Destruction of British Liner With Loss of Americans May Mean Break—Ancona Note

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Destruction of the British liner Persia with possible loss of American lives throws relations between the United States and the Austro-Hungarian powers into a new danger.

Coming almost at the hour when a satisfactory adjustment of the delicate situation was at hand by Austria's acceptance of the cardinal points of the American demands in the Ancona case, this new element threatened to complicate affairs with Austria as thoroughly as the destruction of the Arabic, following so closely the Lusitania exchanges brought on a renewed crisis with Germany.

From such incomplete information as was at hand today the two situations are regarded as almost parallel. It was generally presumed in official circles that as was the case in the crisis with Germany, the Austrian admiralty and the Vienna foreign office are working at cross purposes.

It was regarded as a strong possibility that while the foreign office is ready to accede to the contentions of the United States, the admiralty, bent on the success of its submarine policy, has not yet been brought into line.

There is, however, the added possibility that the submarine which sank the Persia, being far from home, had not been instructed in the new policy of the Austrian government.

The destruction of the Persia coupled with the recent sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru and the French liner Ville de la Gironde lends strength in official quarters to both these possibilities.

All the agencies of the American government have been set in motion to gather facts on the newest disaster and the fact that Secretary Lansing and other officials today declined to comment in absence of official information does not alter the general aspect which this latest development has given to the submarine controversy.

The general view in official quarters was that the position of the United States was sufficiently well known to Austria and the Ancona negotiations have been under way a sufficient length of time to permit instructions to reach the submarine fleet. On every hand the news was received with astonishment.

Consul-General Skinner at London

forwarded what information was available at the British admiralty and his despatch, with unofficial reports of the disaster, was forwarded to President Wilson at Hot Springs. The president will have Austria's satisfactory reply in the Ancona case and the news of the latest submarine disaster before him at the same time.

As in similar cases, the policy of the American government will be to await full and complete information before moving. There is little room to doubt that the incident will mean new diplomatic action in which the United States will present to America in the same forcible manner its unalterable policy that the laws of nations and humanity must be regarded by the belligerents in their warfare at sea.

Sovereignty of diplomatic relations with all its possibilities looms up as one of the eventualities, the same as it did in the case of the Lusitania, the Arabic and the Ancona.

Although the nationality of the submarine which sank the Persia remains unestablished definitely, as was the case with the Yasaka Maru and the Ville de la Gironde, the assumption generally is that it was an Austrian boat because Count von Hensdorff, the German ambassador, recently declared that no German or Turkish submarines were operating in the Mediterranean.

The attack on the Persia as she was approaching Alexandria revives attention to the fact that a submarine campaign against allied shipping is being carried on off the entrance to the Suez canal.

AUSTRIA SUBMITS TO U. S.

ROME, Dec. 31, 8:45 p. m. (Despatched by Tribune.) In commenting on the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona incident sums up its article in the heading "Austria Submits to America."

SHOULD CLEAR UP QUESTION

COLOGNE, Germany, via London, Jan. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says that a more correct method of clearing up the questions at issue between the United States and Austria than that set forth in the Austrian note is unthinkable.

chance to recuperate. Another was arrested as a suspicious person and was released by the court.

The third offender was George Farmer, who was charged with the larceny of 2 pounds of sole leather from the J. T. Filling Shoe Co. each pound valued at 40 cents. Farmer denied his guilt and his case was continued till Monday morning.

HUSBAND OF AMERICAN BORN WOMAN NAMED FOR VICEROY OF BRITISH INDIA



MR. AND MRS. LEWIS VERNON HARCOURT

The report that Lewis Vernon Harcourt would be appointed viceroy of India by King George was especially interesting to Americans, for Mrs. Harcourt is of American birth and a niece of the late J. Pierpont Morgan. The viceroyalty of India is probably the highest office in the gift of the British sovereign. A former viceroy of India was the late Lady Curzon, who was Miss Leiter of Chicago. Mr. Harcourt holds the office of first commissioner of works in the British cabinet and has been secretary of state for the colonies. He is the son of the late Sir William Harcourt, the famous British statesman.

THEIR LAST MEETING

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HELD BRIEF SESSION TODAY—RIGHT OF WAY OVER LAND

The municipal council had a meeting scheduled for 10 o'clock this forenoon but it was 1:30 p. m. before that august body got together and the meeting lasted less than five minutes. The business of the meeting consisted of the appropriation of \$250 to the heirs of Josephine M. Chase for land damages, the city having taken a strip of land between Woodward and Chase avenues for sewer purposes. The council voted to allow the petitioners a right-of-way over the sewer and the land taken by the city in return for a deed of release. The council adjourned to Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

DEATHS

GAUTHIER—Armand, aged one year, died today at the home of the parents, Phyllis and Bora Gauthier, 55 Vermont avenue, Braintree.

SUFFERED A SHOCK—Frank Provencher, whose address while at work in the Merrimack Manufacturing Co., this noon. He was removed in the ambulance to the Lowell hospital, where it was feared he was suffering from a shock.

Fish and Game NOTICE

The next meeting of the Lowell Fish and Game Association will be held in 10:00 A. M., Middlesex street, Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 8 p. m. Members please attend.

Per WILLIS S. BOLT, Secretary.

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Collins & Hogan carried the insurance on the Merrimack Custom Laundry in the name of John J. Hanlon, damaged by fire last night.

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AMERICANS LOST WITH BIG LINER

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The Persia, Engaged in Service Between London and Bombay, Went Down—Many Lives Lost

The British steamship Persia, engaged in service between London and Bombay, has been sunk in the Mediterranean, apparently with a large loss of life. London despatches state that most of the passengers and men on the Persia were lost. Three Americans, including the American consul at Aden, Arabia, Robert McNeely, sailed from London on the vessel, although one of them is believed to have been rescued at Gibraltar. Unofficial reports state that 231 passengers, including 87 women and 25 children, embarked on the Persia at London and Marseilles.

So far as is reported, there has been no recrudescence of activity on the Franco-Belgian front. In the east heavy fighting continues in eastern Galicia, but the situation there remains as obscure as it has been since the beginning of the operations which Petrograd expects will lead to important results.

An official Russian communication dismisses this situation with the remark that desperate engagements have been fought at some places.

In Persia the Russian expedition is meeting with increasing opposition.

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HELD STRIKE CONFERENCE GERMAN WAR REPORT

MOULDERS OF SACO-LOWELL SHOP DISCUSSED WAGES AND HOURS WITH OFFICIALS

The first conference between union leaders and officials of the Saco-Lowell shops since the strike started more than two weeks ago was held this afternoon at the office of the company Charles E. Anderson and Eugene Murphy of Norwood, business agent for the Moulders' International union represented the strikers and Agent E. F. Blake and Supt. Price of the foundry department represented the company. The situation was discussed at length, and the conference adjourned. While no announcement of exactly what transpired at the session has been officially given out it is believed that satisfactory progress was made towards a speedy settlement.

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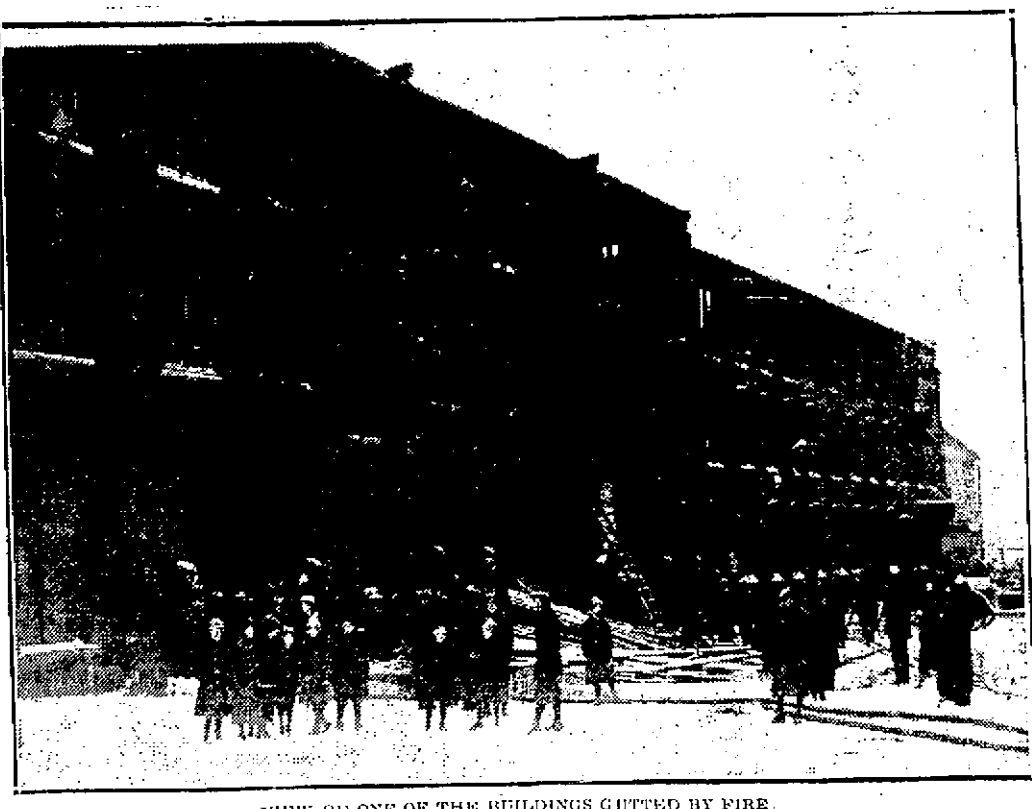
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BIG FIRE IN LUMBER DISTRICT



VIEW OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS GUTTED BY FIRE
Photo by Barr Eng. Co.

Damage of About \$100,000 to Pratt & Forrest, Brooks and Other Firms—Entire Fire Department Engaged—Origin Unknown

A general alarm fire which started about 8:30 o'clock last night in the property of the A. L. Brooks Co. at the corner of Fletcher and Dutton streets occupied principally by the Pratt & Forrest Co. and by several other wood-working concerns burned until well into this morning, causing damage estimated at nearly \$100,000. The first alarm from box 321, Western avenue, was rung in at 8:35 o'clock. Five minutes later a general alarm was sounded and it was not until 5:55 o'clock this morning that Fire Chief Saunders ordered the "all out" signal sent in.

Today insurance agents and special adjusters made an inventory of the property in an effort to adjust the loss. A conservative estimate of the damage to the buildings was placed at \$60,000. Members of the firm of Pratt & Forrest, whose lumber mill was located in one of the doomed buildings, stated that their loss would probably reach \$25,000, their whole stock being wiped out.

The John Tripp & Co., roll coverers, sustained a loss of \$2000. W. K. Aldrich, manufacturer of hand screws, places his loss at over \$1500 and John R. Caddell's pattern making establishment was damaged to the extent of more than \$500. Other occupants of adjoining premises whose stock and furniture were damaged by smoke and water are A. E. Johnston, patternmaker; I. O. Adams, furniture manufacturer; the Lowell Casket Co., the Merrimack Laundry and Swift & Baily, whose stables are nearby. All were insured.

Fire Difficult to Fight
The fire was the worst that the local firemen have been called upon to combat in years. When the alarm was sounded a section of the main building was a mass of roaring flames and the blaze spread through the building as though it was so much kindling wood. Always a fire trap, this lumber section never made better fuel for flames than it did last night and the whole interior of the three story building was like a furnace from 8:40 o'clock until long after midnight.

The fire was undoubtedly discovered by someone passing along Dutton street as the alarm was rung in from the box on Western avenue, near the car tracks. Had the blaze been seen in the rear of the building, where it is believed to have started, the Liberty square box would have been much nearer. Chief Saunders was at the door for his machine he discovered the flames and realized that a hard battle was ahead. Immediately upon arriving at the scene he rang in a general alarm from box 151, summoning every piece of fire apparatus in the city.

In Brick Building
The three story brick building on Dutton street, just around the corner from Fletcher, was then a seething furnace, the flames bursting through all the windows and climbing from the bottom to the top of the building. Heavy clouds of black smoke poured from the building into Dutton and Fletcher street making it difficult for the fire fighters to work quickly.

With the fire department gathered thousands of spectators attracted by the sight.

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DEATHS OF VETERANS

SUPT. WORTHEN OF THE STATE AID GIVES OUT LIST OF 30 FOR THE YEAR 1915

Thirty-nine veterans of the Civil war died in Lowell in 1915, according to the records of George E. Worthen, superintendent of state aid. Also thirty-six widows of veterans passed away during the year. There now remain in Lowell 233 veterans of the war, and about 330 widows of veterans.

Those veterans who died in 1915 were as follows: January 3, Thomas Burns; January 7, William H. Bennett; January 7, James F. Smith; January 14, Everett Wheeler; January 21, Foster; January 25, Richard Monahan; March 3, Jesse G. Courser; March 27, Patrick O'Brien; March 31, Benjamin Page; April 1, Charles R. Hadley; May 23, Wyatt Moulton; May 24, William McCoy; June 1, John Daly and Horace J. Dexter; June 6, Charles W. Philbrick; June 12, Jefferson P. Kennesson; June 23, John A. Ryers; July 22, Geo. A. Ricker; August 6, Charles Hermann; August 12, John Garvey; August 23, Benjamin Sharp; August 23, Benjamin F. Harris; August 23, John A. Baker; September 7, Ebenezer Schoen; October 8, Alexander Hastings; October 21, John McLane; October 27, George W. Hilton; October 29, Louis S. Smith; October 30, Thomas Casey; November 15, George E. Plinkham; November 17, Charles W. Burgess; December 1, Robert H. Mulno; Dec. 12, Ira S. Ketchum; Dec. 17, Henry Stark; Dec. 17, Parle K. Taylor; December 23, James H. Smith; December 28, Patrick Cusack, and December 29, John E. Brown.

MR. REGAN'S INJURY
John J. Regan, proprietor of the Waverly hotel, slipped and fell fracturing his left ankle, upon leaving St. Patrick's church this morning after having attended an early mass.

Start the new year with a checking account. Old Lowell National Bank.

FOR 67 YEARS City Institution for Savings

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LADIES!

For dependable Fur Sets visit the Fur Store—Also Fur Repairing, Remodeling and Redyeing at our usual low prices. Satisfaction in every case.

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STATISTICS FOR YEAR IN CITY DEPARTMENTS

Building Department Shows Progress—Infant Mortality Greater—Death Rate—Inauguration

Lowell's prosperity, her increase in business and general confidence for the future is reflected in a great many ways and places throughout the city, and another new and welcome light was thrown upon it this morning when Joseph Bourke, head clerk in the department of public property, submitted figures showing an increase in the total estimated valuations, as indicated by the building permits, of \$157,796 over last year's total, the total for 1915 being \$1,231,310 in 1915 as against \$173,514 in 1914.

The figures showing this very healthy state of affairs are as follows: For 1915—Total number of building permits for new wooden buildings, 306; brick and fireproof buildings, 47; total estimated valuations, \$852,950; permits for alterations to wooden buildings, 326; brick and fireproof buildings, 326; total estimated valuations, \$1,231,310.

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GAVE HIMSELF UP Man Says Ghost of Murdered Father Told Him to Confess

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Angeline Dominic walked into the North End police station today and told the officer in charge that the ghost of her murdered father-in-law, Mike Nemo, of Lucerne Mines, Pa., had told him to give himself up for the crime. The police communicated with the authorities at Lucerne Mines who confirmed the statement that Nemo had been murdered in 1912 and asked that Dominic be held.

LINER BALTIC ARRIVES CARRIED \$35,000,000 IN SPECIE FOR NEW YORK BANKS FROM ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The White Star liner Baltic arrived today from Liverpool bringing \$7,000,000 (\$35,000,000) in specie consigned to New York banks from England. This is said to be the largest amount of gold brought to this port by any steamer since the war began.

Among the passengers on the Baltic were Dr. P. Newton, of the American Red Cross, who is returning from the Russian front where he has served for the last year.

HIGHER WAGES 35,000 Employees of the American Woolen Co. Get Increase

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—A readjustment of the wages of operators with an increase in no case less than 5 per cent for all its mills, was announced today by the American Woolen Co. Under the new schedule, which takes effect Jan. 3, the lowest paid help will receive the greatest benefit, according to the company's statement.

The readjustment affects 35,000 operatives in the 14 mills of the company located in the New England states and one mill in New York state.

The new schedule of wages is as follows:

All employees, earning \$7.50 or less per week, two cents per hour advance.

All employees earning \$7.51 or less per week, 1 3-4 cents per hour advance.

All employees earning \$7.52 and less than \$2.50 per week, 1 1-2 cents per hour advance.

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MINIMUM WAGE SCALE

Decree Goes Into Effect Today But is Not Compulsory—Text of Decree

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 1.—The decree of the state minimum wage commission, which establishes a minimum wage standard for all female employees who work in retail stores throughout the state, goes into effect today, and although the commission is not vested with any mandatory powers for enforcing this decree it is understood that the majority of the retail store proprietors of the state have signified their intention of accepting the recommendations of the commission.

This decree is based on the special report of the retail store wage board made to the commission after an extended study of the wages paid to female employees in the retail stores of the state. The provisions of this decree are that the minimum wage for experienced female retail store employees who have reached the age of eighteen shall be \$8.50 a week; inexperienced employees, eighteen years of age or over, shall receive \$7 a week; girls between sixteen and eighteen years of age shall receive not less than \$6 a week; and no other employee of ordinary ability shall receive less than \$5 a week.

It was learned at the office of the commission today that the board has no powers to compel retail dealers to accept the provisions of the decree other than to publish the names of employers who decline to accept the recommendations.

The principal provisions of the decree follow:

"1. No experienced female employee of ordinary ability shall be employed in retail stores in Massachusetts at a rate of wages less than \$8.50 a week.

"2. No female employee of ordinary ability shall be employed in a retail store or stores for one year or more, after reaching the age of eighteen years.

"3. A female employee shall be deemed to have been employed in the industry for a year if her absence from her place or places of employment during twelve months, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive, have not been of unreasonable duration.

"4. The wages of learners and apprentices may be less than the minimum prescribed for experienced employees provided:

"(a) That no female employee of ordinary ability who has reached the age of eighteen years shall be employed at a rate of wages less than \$7 a week.

"(b) That no female employee of ordinary ability who has reached the age of seventeen years shall be employed at a rate of wages less than \$6 a week.

"(c) That no other female employee of ordinary ability shall be paid at a rate of wages less than \$5 a week.

"5. A female employee of less than ordinary ability may be paid less than the prescribed minimum wage provided that the conditions of section 9, chapter 78B, acts of 1912, are complied with.

These recommendations shall take effect on January 1, 1916, on which date all female employees of ordinary ability who have been employed in the industry for one year or more after reaching the age of eighteen shall be deemed to have served an apprenticeship of one year, and all other employees shall be deemed to have begun their apprenticeship, and be entitled to the rates as specified above.

"The rates established by the decree are for full-time work.

The retail store wage board, upon whose report this new schedule is based, was made up as follows: Charles W. Dole, chairman; B. Preston, representing the public; E. A. Bardsley, representing the public; E. A. Bardsley, W. A. Hawkins, G. B. Johnson, E. W. A. Kerry, Abbott B. Rice and S. H. Thurber, representing the employers; and Grace M. Brown, Margaret Fitzgerald, Julia S. O'Connor, Angela O'Keefe, N. J. Nally and Joseph O'Keefe, representing the employees.

G. C. HOYT.

FUNERAL NOTICES

SAWTELL—Died, in this city, Jan. 1st, at the Lowell General Hospital, Mrs. Ella M. Sawtell, aged 71 years. Burial in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Undertakers Young & Blake.

CROWELL—Died, in North Chelmsford, Dec. 31st, Charles H. Crowell, aged 45 years, 3 months. Funeral services will be held from his home in North Chelmsford, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

CONNELLY—The funeral of Mrs. Ann Connelly will take place Monday morning, Jan. 3rd, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. McQuaid, 15 Pleasant street, at 8:30 o'clock and a high mass of requiem will be sung at the immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, Undertaker George B. McKenna in charge.

TRACY—The funeral of John J. Tracy will take place on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from his home, 35 Seventh street. On Monday morning a high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 8:45 o'clock for the repose of his soul. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons.

WHITAKER—Died in this city, Jan. 1, 1916, at her home, 571 Chelmsford st., Mrs. Mary E. Whitaker, aged 55 years, 8 months and 12 days. Funeral services will be held at her home, 571 Chelmsford street, on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

At St. Patrick's church, Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, there will be an anniversary mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Catherine (Doherty) Buckley.

FUNERALS

COUGHLIN—The funeral of James G. Coughlin took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Edward A. and Winnifred Coleman Coughlin, There were many floral offerings including: Willow inscribed "Our James"; "The family" mounted on base, grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Coughlin and tributes from Catherine Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. John Reading, Al-

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TWO U. S. SENATORS OF OPPOSITE TYPE

Penrose and Lewis Always Command Attention in Debate—Social Season at Washington—Wilson Family Expert on Typewriter

Special to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1, 1916.—Probably no two men in the senate offer a greater personal contrast to each other than do Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, and they are often pitted against each other in a hot partisan debate in one of the most amusing and clever scenes I ever witnessed in the senate was last winter. It had been a week of turmoil, delay, bitter recrimination and biting sarcasm. One of the great national measures had been under discussion and no mercy had been shown by either side. Pen had called the kettle snail without mincing words. Early in the week Senator Penrose made one of those forceful speeches for which he is noted. He dragged out crumpling skeletons from their hiding places in democratic closets and held up to pitiless ridicule 11 their platform pledges. The moment he took his seat Senator Lewis, democratic whip of the senate opened with a whip of the senate opened with the closets of republicans and fairly laid their skeletons low in the dust. He hurled denial and defiance at the big Pennsylvanian in terms so sweeping and language so eloquent that he literally stood on tiptoe each time he reached a climax. Both men are brilliant, brash, and it was a war of words well worth hearing.

Senator Penrose is tall, well proportioned and huge of stature; of dark complexion and always well, but very simply dressed in dark clothes. He is austere of countenance and speaks slowly with a very peculiar and decidedly Pennsylvania accent, without gesticulation and in monotone. With a smileless face he sends shafts of keen satire straight into the camp of the enemy, and his speeches fairly bubble over with wit and wisdom. His language is concise, his sentences terse but his speeches teem with brilliant epigrams that sound strangely incongruous coming from the lips of this grave-faced statesman.

Beau Brummel of Senate

Senator Lewis, on the other hand, might fittingly be called "dapper" if it could be used in no belittling sense. He is of medium height, slight build, light complexion and resplendent of hair, whiskers and waistcoat of which he is extremely proud and not adverse to having them mentioned as prominent characteristics. He is known far and wide as the Beau Brummel of Washington and the color and cut of his clothes are the topic of many a story. He is a brilliant, brainy man, and always ready to "take a dare" in debate without a moment's notice. He is dramatic of voice and pose. From the moment he takes the floor his voice, gestures, smiles and frowns are carefully modulated to fit his choice of words. Indeed "words" is an entire inadequate term to use in describing the language he employs in a discourse in the senate. No word is too long nor too unfamiliar to appeal to Mr. Lewis when he is seeking a synonym and he commands the attention of floor and gallery as his voice soars to heights or sinks to a hoarse whisper, white attitude, hands and eyes play their part in giving dramatic effect to his utterance. And so whenever Mr. Lewis and Mr. Penrose are pitted against each other in debate there is nothing but standing room left in the senate chamber.

The Social Season

Washington has been slow to begin its social season, waiting for the return of the president and Mrs. Wilson from their honeymoon in Virginia to set the ball rolling. Then, too, nearly everyone went home for the holiday season. The meeting of the Pan American convention this week brought to the city more than 2000 visitors from all parts of South America. The streets and hotels are crowded with men and women of foreign style, foreign dress and foreign habits. The talk is polyglot and the balls are a babel of tongues. Many receptions have been given in their honor, and the first White House festivity will be the Pan American reception immediately after New Year's.

Sunday Breakfasts

The Sunday breakfast is fast becoming a rival of luncheon as a favorite mode of entertaining by congressional people, who maintain some sort of an establishment either in apartments or the big handsome houses that line Washington's residential section. The man—for it is usually a member of the bachelor set who receives the invitation to "come to breakfast at 9 on Washington" can count on a regional breakfast of the finest quality and cooked to the queen's taste. Families so entertaining specialize on the dishes famous in their own section of the country. Southerners offer their guests spoon bread, beaten biscuits, fried chicken à la Maryland, Kentucky or Virginia as the case may be, topped off with home-made sugar cured ham, hot cakes with corn syrup and a lot of other southern "baked" New Englanders serve baked beans, fish balls, brown bread or maybe a big dish of hot doughnuts "such as we have at home," the proud hostess explains. Other sections of the country follow in line and are pretty certain to flash a conventional first course with something special that has the smack of real home cooking. For if the southern cook can't make it, the northern or western mistress can.

White House Typewriters

Unless times and manners change with the coming of a new mistress at the White House there will be a pretty clutter of typewriters in the residential section of the house. The president always prefers to write his addresses to congress on his own typewriter rather than dictate them. He uses an old machine somewhat out of date and with a much scrambled alphabet—but he doesn't care to change it for one more modern. Miss Margaret Wilson writes out her own lectures on settlement and school work, often sitting up late at night to finish. Miss Benham, the new social secretary to Mrs. Wilson, uses a typewriter, and Mrs. Wilson herself is said to be an adept at the machine, keeping in close touch with business life after the death of Mr. Catt. So if they all write at once the grand entrance hall of the White House will sound quite like the entrance to a business block.

RICHARDS.

STATE HIGHWAY BILLS

ROAD MONITORS TO DETECT VIOLATIONS OF LAW—BILL ON TARIFFING ROADS

Special to The Sun.
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 1.—Two new bills of state-wide importance were filed with the clerk of the house of representatives today, and it seemed likely that legislation will make material changes in the highway laws of the state.

One of these bills accompanies the petition of Secretary of State Albert P. Langtry, and has been filed by representative Alvin Bliss of Malden. The bill provides for the appointment of not less than five hundred road monitors whose duty it will be to observe all violations of the motor vehicle laws and traffic regulations on the roads of the state. These road monitors are to be appointed by the Massachusetts highway commission; are to serve without compensation; and are to communicate with the highway commission, giving the time and circumstances of the violations and the registered number of the motor vehicle involved. The highway commission is to keep the records of all complaints and the records are to be open to public inspection. The commission shall also notify the registrant complained of of the complaint. These road monitors are to remain in service during the pleasure of the commission and are to be provided with badges with the inscription "Road Monitor. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The second bill has been filed by Representative Enoch S. Abbott of Haverhill under the petition of the Automobile Legal association. This bill would make it unlawful to spread in place tar, tarriva or any other slippery substance upon more than one-half of the traveled surface of any public way without covering the same with sand, dirt or gravel within one hour thereafter. There is also a provision for a penalty for violation which consists of a fine of not more than \$100 for each offence.

HOYT.

DEATHS

CROWELL—Charles Crowell died yesterday at his home in Wright street, North Chelmsford, aged 68 years. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary A. Crowell, a daughter, Mrs. Marion C. Pierce of Athol; a son Harry A. of Beverly and three grandchildren.

SAWTELL—Mrs. Ella M. Sawtell died this morning at the Lowell General Hospital, aged 71 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Duff of New York city; one sister, Mrs. Addie Owen; one brother, W. A. Owen, both of this city; two nieces, Miss Flora Owen of Lowell and Mrs. Lillian Landon of Boston.

WHITAKER—Mrs. Mary Ellen Whitaker, wife of Frank Whitaker, died early this morning at her home, 571 Chelmsford st., at the age of 55 years, 8 months and 12 days. She is survived by her husband, Frank Whitaker, four daughters, Mrs. W. Kershaw, E. Evelyn and Marion J. Whitaker of this city and Mrs. S. W. Chase of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one brother, Mr. Thomas W. Barker of Stroudsburg, Pa. Mrs. Whitaker was born in England and has been a resident of this city for the past 24 years.

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THE PEASLEE CASE

Government Attorneys Cause Surprise by Closing Their Case

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The government attorneys caused surprise here yesterday by closing their case against Morrison H. Peaslee, who is on trial charged with the murder of his father, Howard A. Peaslee, a toy-maker of Henniker. They read practically on the strength of the alleged confession and the testimony of the detectives, who claim they wrung an admission of guilt from the defendant.

50 Witnesses Not Heard

More than 50 of the prosecution's witnesses, some of whom were expected to furnish the most sensational testimony, were not heard. Among them was Owen Sears, a Boston newspaper woman, who is declared to have acted the part of "Madame Olcott" for detectives in seance at Portland, Me. It is claimed that she told Peaslee that the spirit of his father was urging him to confess. In the court room she was known as Miss Mabel Kilpatrick of Chelsea, Mass.

Another of the unused witnesses is Gene Wood, on whom, the prosecution claims, Peaslee tried to fasten guilt of the crime.

The close of the government's case came so suddenly that Senator Nathaniel E. Martin of the counsel for the defence was caught unprepared to produce witnesses, and an adjournment was taken until today.

Says Peaslee Confessed

The first witness yesterday was Fred Marden, a Concord policeman, who testified that he saw Peaslee sign the alleged confession, and that he heard the defendant admit he killed his father for money.

"What did the defendant say on the train coming to Concord?" asked the examiner.

"He said," continued Marden, "that the one thing he took pride in was that he 'put it over' on Sheriff Hill-dreth of Henniker. He said he would have put it over all of us if he had not left town."

Father's Remarks

"He explained the quarrel with his father by saying that he did not want to testify for his father in the divorce case, and he was afraid that if his father was divorced he would ruin the fortune."

John P. Sherman, general manager of the Sherman detective agency of Boston, repeated the story of the trap that was laid for Peaslee from the time A. R. McDonald, an operative, went to Henniker until the alleged confession was obtained.

In cross-examination Senator Nichols tried hard to ascertain what Mr. Marmack county paid for the services of nine detectives, especially during the period that McDonald was operating the toy factory as a partner of Peaslee's. Sherman, however, could not remember all of the details.

Was Suing for Divorce

The figures came out later through the testimony of George M. Fletcher, clerk of the superior court. He said that last April a bill of \$1800 was paid, and some months afterward a second bill for \$1500 was paid. The clerk also testified that Mrs. Peaslee was suing her husband for divorce at the time he was murdered.

Edward Connolly, a selectman of Henniker, testified that two days after the murder he met Peaslee, the defendant, and the latter told him that the elder man said to watch for Gene Wood in case he was murdered.

William Hingson, a handwriting expert, was called to testify concerning the letter that Peaslee is said to have written to his wife saying, "I have told everything." The witness said he could find only a few slight signs indicating that Peaslee wrote the letter and was excused without cross-examination.

THE NEW BEDFORD MILLS

DIVIDENDS PAID BY COTTON FACTORIES IN 1915 WERE \$3,112,300

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 1.—The dividends paid by the New Bedford cotton mills in 1915 on \$39,725,000 capital amounted to \$3,112,300, an average rate of 7.83 per cent. There was paid out in dividends in 1914 on \$39,225,000 capital, the sum of \$1,575,518, a rate of 4.76 per cent.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SALARIES INCREASED—ARCHITECT ROURKE ENGAGED FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting of the municipal council yesterday decided to increase the salary of Purchasing Agent Edw. H. Foye from \$1800 to \$2250 and that of City Physician Tighe from \$700 to \$1200 as new duties have been added. Henry L. Rourke was appointed supervising architect of the high school. Mr. Putnam voting against as he wished for more time.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Court Gen. Dimon was held in Grafton hall last night. Chief Ranger Francis Murphy occupied the chair. The principal business was the election of officers which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Francis Murphy; sub-chief ranger, Henry O'Donnell; treasurer, Hector Gill; financial secretary, Stephen Breen; recording secretary, Joseph Lorrain; senior woodward, Mathew Sheridan; junior woodward, Michael Daly; senior beadle, Bernard Burtt; junior beadle, Eugene Bulger; lecturer, William Hartely; physician, Dr. Fred Murphy. It was announced that three members of Court Gen. Dimon were winners in a drawing contest held recently by the Woburn court. Four new members were initiated and several applications were received. The officers will be installed at the next meeting, on Jan. 15. A social committee was appointed and a musical program and refreshments will be prepared.

SUN BREVITIES

Best printing; Tobin's, Asso. Bldg. If your feet trouble you, see Dr. Gannon, 456 Merrimack street.

When you have any real estate to sell, consult J. F. Donohoe, Donovan bldg. Telephone.

Dr. J. J. McGreevy, dentist, has moved his office from the third floor in the Traders Bank building, to the second floor, (the office formerly occupied by the late Dr. Charles E. Snyder.)

Mr. E. B. Conant sends out to the various papers in which he advertises a New Year's greeting with good wishes for a happy, prosperous and successful New Year, to which The Sun most cordially responds—"The same to you Mr. Conant."

The annual Christmas tree by the local Salvation Army for the needy children of this city was held last night at the army quarters in Jackson street, and about 75 children were present and had an enjoyable time. An entertainment program was carried out during the evening after which the distribution of gifts from the tree took place. Among the gifts were toys of various kinds, a stocking filled with candy, fruit and nuts and a bag of food. Adj. and Mrs. Ayres had general charge of the program and they were ably assisted by the other members of the army.

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DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 1.—The defense opened its case this morning at the trial of Morrison H. Peaslee for the murder of his father, Howard W. Peaslee in Henniker. Twenty-five witnesses have been summoned, and the defense expects to finish its case by next Tuesday night. George V. Hill, speaking for the defense, savagely attacked the case of the state. A confession, he said, was not always binding, especially when secured by fraud or deceit, and the legality of the alleged confession of Peaslee was for the jury to determine.

He charged that lies and deceit were employed to secure the confession of Peaslee and said that the case was a frame-up conducted by County Solicitor Robert C. Murchie and Detective John Sherman of Boston. Sherman and his agents, Mr. Hill said, were looking for Morrison Peaslee and no one else and he added that the defense would show that evidence concerning even in Henniker on the night of the murder, showing that Morrison Peaslee could not have committed the crime, had been suppressed. Mr. Hill said it would be shown that Morrison Peaslee was preparing his son for bed when the confession of Peaslee was first arrested in connection with the murder but when the grand jury refused to indict, was insanely jealous of Howard Peaslee, said Mr. Hill, because the latter was a friend and adviser of the Barnes family in Henniker, with which Wood was also friendly. He had made threats against Howard Peaslee, Mr. Hill said, "I do not know whether Wood killed Howard Peaslee," said the attorney, "and I do not care, but there was evidence pointing to it."

INSURES 500 EMPLOYEES

New Year's Greeting in Form of Life Insurance for Employees Extended by Union Street Railway Co.

NEW BEDFORD, Jan. 1.—A new year's greeting in the form of life insurance for its employees was extended by the Union Street Railway Co. in an announcement posted at midnight last night.

The company has taken out insurance for nearly 500 employees who have worked for the company a year continuously and a policy of nearly half a million dollars has been written to cover the men and women who work for the company, including all from the president down to the track greasers and office boy.

CHARLES F. KEYES' DIARY

C. F. Keyes has one of the neatest little books that he is presenting to his friends as a New Year's gift, as long as they last. Charlie is always doing something to make his friends happy and the diary is his latest.

Overture, Elks' orchestra; Cabaret song, "Old Home Town," Ed. Hand-

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That the Sun prints all of the news.
That we still have a smoke inspection.
That wage increase is always good news.
That John H. Murphy is now giving out jobs.
That now is the time for sleighride parties.
That the inaugural exercises will be very simple.
That the fat girl is coming back with a whoop.
That Paul Angelo has a bright future in music.
That the only fellow idle is the chronic loafer.
That the jingle of the sleigh bells is music to the ear.
That it's a happy new year that finds nobody here.
That the inaugural exercises will not call for dress suits.
That the Westons are planning something original.
That Wednesday's storm hit the street railway hard.
That times were never as good in Lowell as at present.
That a sour disappointment turns bitter on the stomach.
That action on the Dummer street extension is extending.
That the Matthews are busy on plans for the annual banquet.
That all sections of the city now have improvement associations.
That the Belvidere Associates know how to run a good time.
That Lowell still hears echoes from the tumult of the envious.
That Artist Coggeshall thinks pretty well of Griffin's war pictures.
That local hotels and clubs were alive with New Year parties last night.
That those who marry in haste must not forget the price of the license.
That the fattest and plumpest English sparrows live in Fletcher street.
That the cartoon showed good judgment in re-electing Pres. Drowley.
That while we are fighting the hyphen—how about hyphenated news?
That Jimmy Donnelly sings down all opposition; he is the political Orpheus.
That there were many old timers at the husking bee in Dracut last night.
That the fellow who trades cord wood for booze is a pretty poor farmer.
That the candidates for Owen Monahan's job are not looking very hopeful.
That the Lowell Sun is passed from hand to hand in the trenches in France.
That the kid's present idea of heaven is a mountain of snow with a lightning sled.
That the members of Club Lafayette ushered in the new year in great style.
That when a city official is known to be a man of his word, some foes quake.
That if a person can keep a good resolution a week he can keep it all year.
That the police were lenient with men on their beats the last day of the year.
That many who got on the water wagon today will fall off before many moons.
That "Bonne et Heureuse Annee" is the slogan of the day in wards six and seven.
That Kitchener has given up predicting and believes in actions, not words.
That the usual flock of candidates will be on hand at city hall on inauguration day.
That St. Patrick's alumni teach all others a lesson in hearty school love and loyalty.
That many hope the Textile campus in Pawtucketville will be flooded for a skating rink.
That political opportunity, like the other variety, seldom knocks twice at the same door.
That there will be a few hypocritical smiles at city hall, but most of them will be sincere.
That half the bachelors are not half as lonesome as some people seem to think they are.
That some of the boys are still wondering why Friday night was picked for the banquet.
That the girl officers of the high school battalions never looked prettier than last evening.
That there is considerable difference of opinion as to when the no school bell should ring.
That the news of the increase in the cotton mills was read in Wednesday's Sun with great joy.
That the street railway men who expected to be appointed to the police force also got theirs.
That the new improvement association in Pawtucketville will mean something for the district.
That Ex-Mayor Casey's address before the Belvidere club was very interesting and instructive.
That the Christmas tree stands as a reminder of something that seems to have happened long ago.
That the man who is too thin-skinned to stand for honest criticism ought not to run for public office.

That the woods are full of candidates for city jobs, the kind to which there isn't much work attached.
That the expression business was "the best ever" was heard from many business men after the holidays.
That a certain doctor and a newspaper man have mutually agreed never to play pool again as partners.
That the woman who never could get a husband is always the worst critic of the woman who has one.
That one young lady is pleased that Trade Office Commos remained in Merrimack square until leap year.
That the piling out process by city governments at the end of the year is almost as sure as death and taxes.
That a dog entered a local lunch cart the other night and howled until fed. It was a case of dog eat dog.
That a great many of us have tender recollections of the days when we used to take the girl out for a sleigh ride.
That the friendship shown to the mayor-elect at the banquet of the Belvidere associates was not perfunctory.
That all members of the present city government allow next year's government will have a pretty busy time of it.
That the banquet of the board of trade next Thursday will be a banner event in the history of the organization.
That the disposition on the part of employers to increase the wages of their employees is a pretty good sign of the times.
That the hotel patrons who attended the New Year's eve parties last evening imagined they were in a metropolitan city.
That there will be a gala evening at the Citizens-Americans club Wednesday on the occasion of the installation of officers.
That the new year's eve celebration of the Belvidere club was one of the most enjoyable events ever conducted by the popular organization.
That if the city can hold Dr. Tighe as city physician at a salary of \$1200 it will get more than its money's worth in real up-to-date service.
That the movement for a group picture of the first city council under the present form of government to be placed in city hall is growing.
That once in a while you see a man who makes you feel that if you had to give him a Christmas present you would make it a vanity box.
That the civil service may assist a man to a position but it will not promise to keep him there. The stick-to-itiveness depends upon the man.
That the only difference between political conditions today and two years ago is that the losers of two years ago were game, and didn't whine.
That the large vote accorded Thomas Powers for membership on the executive board of the carmen's union was a fitting tribute to a worthy official.
That when a man sees a woman who is wearing too many diamonds and too much complexion he gets the idea that one is about as genuine as the other.
That Mayor-elect O'Donnell's inaugural address will be short and to the point; a direct departure from the long-winded affairs of days gone by.
That a certain Lowell barber says if men had as much sense as women they would save their combings for the day when they will need a toupee.
That the gloom of the faces of the boys who the losers of Christmas presents and then saw the rain changed to pleasure when it snowed Thursday.
That the loving cup presented Dr. J. E. Lamoureux last night was a token of esteem and appreciation of the doctor's services as president of Club Lafayette.
That the many friends of Patrolman Hamilton will be pleased to learn he is able to be out again after being confined to his home for several months.
That when a girl lands a job paying enough to enable her to buy her own candy and movie tickets and chewing gum she knows that she is a great help to her parents.
That those who boast that the civil service law protects an office holder from being discharged for political reasons forget that the same law refuses to protect an office-holder who dabbles in politics.
That human nature is the same even among reform governments and we find this reform government on the last day of the year, boosting salaries and appointing police officers just as the others used to do.

ARMENIAN CONVENTION

Important Gathering to Be Held in Boston—Lowell Man Will Represent Local Society

The Harpoon Assyrians United Educational Association of America will hold a convention in Boston tomorrow and the affair will be attended by several hundred people. The Harpoon society of this city, which is a part of the organization, will be represented by George M. Hoyer. The purpose of the Harpoon association is to aid in the spread of education in Harpoon and to promote co-operation among Assyrians in this country.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

The old year's heart was full of greed;
With selfishness it longed and ached,
And cried, "I have not half I need.
My thirst is bitter and unslaked.
But to the New Year's generous hand
All gifts in plenty shall return;
True loving it shall understand;
By all my failures it shall learn.
I have been reckless; it shall be
Quiet and calm and pure of life,
I was a slave; it shall go free,
And find sweet peace where I leave strife."

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

WATCHED OLD YEAR OUT

SEVERAL CHURCHES HELD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES—ST. ANNE'S CHIMES RANG IN NEW YEAR

Several of the Protestant churches throughout the city held old-fashioned watch night services last night to usher in the new year. Christmas hymns were played on the bells at St. Anne's and carols sung by the vested choir.

The old year was also "watched out" at the hotels and clubs and the hotels, it was stated, were unable to accommodate all who applied for seats. Excellent banquet menus were served and the guests made merry until the dawn of the new year. The dining rooms were prettily decorated and cabaret music added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Chimes at St. Anne's
The most impressive feature of all the watch night services was the ringing of the chimes at old St. Anne's at the midnight hour. The service at St. Anne's was attended by many persons representing churches of other denominations as well as by the regular attendants. The service was brief, beginning at 11 o'clock and closing at midnight.

Rev. Appleton Gramis preached a short sermon, and hymns of the season were sung, the vested choir of men and boys, and the young women of the Guild of St. Cecilia, leading. Rev. James Bancroft of St. John's, Rev. N. W. Matthews and Rev. A. C. Ferrin of the High Street Congregational church assisted in the service.

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That the many friends of Patrolman Hamilton will be pleased to learn he is able to be out again after being confined to his home for several months.

That when a girl lands a job paying enough to enable her to buy her own candy and movie tickets and chewing gum she knows that she is a great help to her parents.

That those who boast that the civil service law protects an office holder from being discharged for political reasons forget that the same law refuses to protect an office-holder who dabbles in politics.

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Just before 12 o'clock the people bowed their heads in silent prayer, remaining in an attitude of devotion while the chimes rang out the tidings of the coming in of the new year. While the congregation dispersed, Christmas hymns were played on the bells.

Worship Street Church
A consecration service was held during the last hour before midnight at the watch night services in the Worcester Street Baptist church and after the hour had struck, a banner, bearing the words "Happy New Year," was carried in by boys. There was a preaching service at 8:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Walter B. Woodbury, preaching on the theme, "Squaring Accounts for 1915." A sacred dramatic sketch, "The Sign of John the Baptist," was given by ten young people in Oriental costume. Those who took part were: Willard E. Simonds, Walter W. Carr, Earl Leadbetter, Thomas Taber, Lottie Covey, Isabel Watson, Mildred McQuesten, Frank Rawnsley, Earl Kierstead and Robert Rogers.

Swedish Lutheran Church
There was a large attendance at the watch services at the Swedish Lutheran church. Early in the evening the Young People's society gave a concert. Shortly before midnight religious exercises were opened, and they continued into the new year.

St. Paul's M. E. Church
The first number on the program in connection with the watch night service at St. Paul's church was a banquet, followed by a social hour. "The Religious Influence of Our New England Deists" was discussed from 10 o'clock until 11, following which came the fel-

lowship service. The concluding service, including prayers and hymns, was from 11:15 to 12:02.

Central M. E. Church
The watch night services at the Central M. E. church were in charge of the Lowell Federation of Churches. Rev. Raymond G. Clapp, pastor of the First Trinitarian Congregational church, presided over the service. The singing was led by Rev. C. H. Davis and Rev. L. P. Causey read the scriptures. Rev. S. A. Jackson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, spoke on "The New Year and the Individual." Rev. L. P. Causey's topic was "The Next Year and the Church." Rev. R. G. Clapp spoke on "The Next Year and the City," and Rev. J. M. Kyle made an address on "The Next Year and the World."

Atlantic Union Conference
Elder J. K. Jones, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Liberty and School streets, will attend the biennial session of the Atlantic Union conference of that denomination which will be held in South Lancaster, Jan. 4-11. Elder Jones was recently elected president of the Massachusetts conference. This will be one of the most important conventions ever held by the church in New England, and will be attended by preachers from every state in New England and from the three conferences in New York.

Dracut
A watch night service was held last night at the Hillside church in Dracut with a large number of the members of the congregation present. Rev. Samuel Dugtrout, pastor, delivered a stereoscopic lecture from 8 to 9, the subject being "Children of Many Lands." The lecture was followed by a social hour during which refreshments were served.

At 10:15 o'clock the religious service was started and this continued until after midnight. The sermon was delivered by Rev. E. Peitinger, pastor of the Centralville Methodist church.

LOWELL ARTILLERY CLUB
The Lowell Artillery club will hold the first meeting of the business men's military instruction course at the organization's quarters. 11, Glidden building, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and the instructor will be Brig. Gen. Gardner W. Pearson.

The object of this course is to afford the citizens of Lowell and vicinity an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of military training, as it is being taught in similar schools in all the large cities of this country. All the able-bodied men who are interested in national preparedness are invited to be present.

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JOHN B. RILEY THOMAS M. OSBORNE

Thomas Mott Osborne, famous as a prison reformer, is accused formally in an indictment of official and moral misconduct during his wardenship of Sing Sing prison, New York. Superintendent of Prisons John B. Riley, announced that he would oust Mr. Osborne. Friends of the warden are making a hard fight for him, and the time of Governor Whitman and Riley in Albany has been occupied in consideration of the situation brought about in Sing Sing prison by the indictment of Osborne. Mr. Osborne, defied removal, declined to resign and submitted a counter proposal, which was that he receive a vacation in which to defend himself against the charges brought by the Westchester county grand jury. He is known internationally as a "golden rule" warden and his administration of Sing Sing prison has been studied by penologists of many states and nations.

Our heartiest wish to you this day is that the year 1916 will be a bright and happy one for you.

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NEW YEARS IN EUROPE

OUR YEAR FOR VICTORY SAYS PRESIDENT POINCARÉ—OTHER MESSAGES

PARIS, Jan. 1.—"Nineteen hundred and sixteen will be our year of victory," says President Poincaré in a message to the "officers and the soldiers of France," which is being distributed along the whole front tonight. The message, which is one of great simplicity, expresses the confidence of the entire nation in its defenders.

KAISER PRAISES TROOPS
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. sends the following:

Emperor William has written a letter to Gen. von Falkenhayn, (chief of staff of the German army) states a Berlin telegram, in which he says: "I will not let the year 1915 end without remembering our great military successes." "After summing up the successes the emperor adds that they can be fully appreciated only by later historical writers. He praises the bravery of the troops and the work of the supreme command and concludes: "No I know that I and the German people in the coming year of the war can trust in the command of the army."

CEREMONY AT WAR FRONT
ROME, Dec. 31.—(Delayed) The annual new year's ceremony of the presentation of greetings to the king by cabinet members, senators, deputies and high state officials is occurring at the war front this year instead of in the Quirinal palace at Rome. This is the greatest change noticeable in the capital and it adds to the popularity of the Italian sovereign who, since the war began, irrespective of the great heat in the Isonzo valley in July and August or of the extreme cold at this season on the crests of the Alps, 10,000 feet high, has refused to leave his soldiers even for a day.

NO NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
PARIS, Dec. 31.—(Delayed) Premier Briand has ordered that tomorrow (Saturday) shall not be a holiday for officials and has directed that the ministries shall remain open. Official visits have been cancelled with the exception of the reception of the members of parliament by President Poincaré.

LONDON'S CELEBRATIONS
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Owing to the drink restrictions and the apprehension concerning air raids rather than to any lack of confidence in victory in the war, however long it may be, London celebrated New Year's eve in a much graver mood than customary. The watch night services were poorly attended and in many churches were not held at all. The theatres and clubs were unusually quiet and there was an absence of the familiar display at the big hotels.

The only point where there was an air of festivity was the annual gathering of Scotsmen in front of St. Paul's cathedral, where the crowds displayed their usual vivacity.

KAISER'S NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Co. says that Emperor William, according to a despatch from Berlin has sent the following New Year's address to the army, the navy and the colonial troops.

"Comrades: Another year of severe fighting has elapsed. Wherever a superior number of enemies has stormed our lines they have fallen before your loyalty and bravery. Wherever I have sent you into battle you have gained a glorious victory. Thankfully we remember today, above all, our brethren who joyfully gave their blood in order to gain security for our beloved home and imperishable glory for the Fatherland. What they have begun we shall accomplish with God's gracious help.

"In impotent madness enemies from the west and east, from the north and south still seek to deprive us of all that makes life worth living. Long ago buried the hope to conquer us in honest fighting. On the weight of their masses, on the starvation of our entire people, on the influence of their campaign of calumny, which is as mischievous as it is malicious, they believe they can still reckon. Their plans will not succeed. Before the spirit of determination which impetuously unites the army and those at home their hopes will be miserably disappointed. With a will to discharge the duty to the Fatherland to the last breath and determination to secure victory, we enter the new year with God for the protection of the Fatherland and for Germany's greatness."

FRENCH COMMANDER APOLOGIZES TO GREECE FOR AVIATOR'S MISTAKE
SALONIKI, via Paris, Dec. 31 (Delayed)—A French aeroplane squadron returning from a reconnaissance today dropped a bomb by error on the Greek camp, wounding one soldier. General Sarrail, the French commander, made suitable explanation.

A news agency despatch received by way of London Friday night said that during a raid over Saloniki by a Teutonic aeroplane a bomb was dropped on the Greek camp just outside the town. Killing a shepherd. It was stated that the Greek camp apparently was mistaken for entente headquarters.

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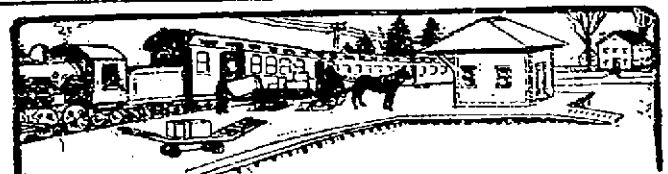
If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

ROBERTSON MAY COACH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA TRACK TEAM



LAWSON ROBERTSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Rumors are now in circulation to the effect that Lawson Robertson, the coach of the Irish-American A. C. team, has been offered a position as coach of the University of Pennsylvania track team for next season. Robertson has turned out a crack team for the Irish-American club here for several years and is now classed among the best handlers of athletes in the country. Athletic experts are of the opinion that Robertson would be a great success at Penn.



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BIGGEST FIRES IN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

List of Greatest Fires in Lowell From 1880 Till the Present Time—1914 Had Some Serious Fires

- Following is a list of the more destructive fires that occurred in this city since the big mill fire of 1880:
- Oct. 6, 1880, Chase mills.
 - Oct. 6, 1882, Centralville bridge.
 - March 29, 1888, Coburn Shuttle shop.
 - July 17, 1889, Lowell Horse Railway.
 - April 5, 1901, Edison block.
 - July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 11, 1891, Davis and Sargent Lumber yard.
 - Nov. 2, 1891, Bartlett & Dow.
 - May 10, 1893, Coburn Shuttle Co.
 - Aug. 2, 1893, Standard Worsted Co.
 - Sept. 11, 1893, Stevens' barn.
 - Sept. 30, 1893, Teydors' stable.
 - Feb. 26, 1894, Mathew's mill.
 - July 30, 1894, White's tannery.
 - Sept. 18, 1894, Ludlam residence.
 - Nov. 16, 1894, Crowley building.
 - June 6, 1895, Bartlett & Dow.
 - Feb. 25, 1895, August Fels' residence.
 - Feb. 25, 1895, W. H. I. Hayes' cigar factory.
 - Aug. 26, 1895, Tremont & Suffolk cotton storehouse.
 - Nov. 27, 1895, Parker block.
 - April 13, 1896, Chamber street box shop.
 - April 19, 1896, St. Lawrence hotel stable.
 - June 13, 1896, Eagle foundry.
 - Aug. 18, 1896, Faulkner residence.
 - Nov. 13, 1897, Irvin block.
 - Dec. 1, 1897, Irvin block.
 - Dec. 14, 1897, Huntington hall.
 - Feb. 1, 1898, H. R. Barker building.
 - Sept. 21, 1899, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
 - Feb. 1, 1900, Marlin block.
 - Feb. 8, 1900, Suffolk hall.
 - Nov. 8, 1900, Harvard brewery.
 - May 6, 1901, Fife's Tool shop.
 - June 30, 1901, Ruger building.
 - Jan. 6, 1902, Harriman mill.
 - June 14, 1902, Criterion hosiery.
 - Feb. 27, 1903, Burbank block.
 - July 18, 1903, Merrimack coal pocket.
 - July 29, 1903, U. S. Cartridge Co. magazine at Riverside, now in Lowell.
 - Dec. 6, 1903, Davis & Sargent.
 - Jan. 9, 1904, Old Old Fellows building.
 - Jan. 11, 1904, St. Patrick's church.
 - Jan. 12, 1904, Fellows, Bascom and Albion blocks.
 - Nov. 6, 1901, Huntington hall.
 - Mar. 3, 1901, Davis and Sargent box shop.
 - July 17, 1904, Brullette residence.
 - Aug. 2, 1904, White dwelling.
 - Aug. 13, 1904, Otis Allen box shop.
 - Aug. 22, 1904, Moxie Nerve Food plant.
 - Sept. 20, 1904, Waterhead mill.
 - Nov. 6, 1901, Huntington hall.
 - May 24, 1903, Greenwood Bros' building.
 - Oct. 8, 1905, Barristers' hall.
 - Nov. 11, 1905, Carpenters mill.
 - Nov. 13, 1905, Caswell garage.
 - Dec. 6, 1905, Doherty's foundry.
 - Jan. 27, 1906, Richardson hotel.
 - May 5, 1906, three buildings destroyed in Acton street.
 - June 20, 1906, Walter Coburn waste mill.
 - Oct. 15, 1906, Robinson Bros' foundry.
 - Jan. 28, 1907, Card Clothing building.
 - Jan. 17, 1907, Marlin block, front street.
 - March 5, 1907, Howe building.
 - April 14, 1907, Jeremiah Clark storehouse.
 - May 21, 1907, U. S. Bunting Co.
 - June 18, 1907, Adams paint shop.
 - June 22, 1907, Kellows' block.
 - July 3, 1907, P. J. Riley shop.
 - August 3, 1907, Lloyd & Shedd building.
 - August 12, 1907, Eagle foundry.
 - August 30, 1907, eight buildings in St. James street.
 - October 3, 1907, U. S. Bunting Co.
 - October 21, 1907, Scannell boiler works.
 - January 17, 1908, garage on Appleton street.
 - February 5, 1908, Gilbride's Dry Goods store.
 - February 10, 1908, Appleton corporation, Jackson street.
 - March 15, 1908, N. Y. N. H. & Hartford railroad building in Howard street, occupied by the Walter Coburn Co.
 - March 19, 1908, George Pined machine shop.
 - July 31, 1908, Lowell Insulated Wire Co., Tanner street, occupied by Walter Coburn Co.
 - October 24, 1908, J. Munsen's block, Middlesex street.
 - January 25, 1909, Mrs. B. M. Gillard block, Merrimack street.
 - May 18, 1909, A. C. Stern Shoe Co.
 - June 25, 1909, Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.
 - Sept. 11, 1909, beam house of American Hide & Leather Co., Howe street.
 - Sept. 18, 1909, Helme Electric Co.
 - Nov. 18, 1909, Davis & Sargent Lumber Co.
 - Dec. 30, 1910, L. C. Gerrish block, Central street.
 - Dec. 30, 1910, A. G. Pollard block, Middle street.
 - Feb. 3, 1911, Mass. corporation storehouse.
 - June 21, 1911, P. J. Riley's, Tanner street.
 - Aug. 6, 1911, Mrs. A. B. Courtney's dwelling.
 - Sept. 13, 1911, F. P. Cheney's box shop.
 - Feb. 20, 1912, Otis Allen & Son box shop.
 - March 27, 1912, C. B. Coburn Co.
 - May 18, 1912, J. C. Mansegu's store, Merrimack street.
 - June 22, 1912, Friend Bros' bakery.
 - June 23, 1912, C. S. Dodge machine shop, Payne street.
 - Aug. 16, 1912, W. L. Parker Co., bobbin shop.
 - Nov. 2, 1912, Lithuanian Catholic church, Rogers street.
 - Nov. 12, 1912, Lowell baseball club bleachers, Rogers street.
 - Nov. 21, 1912, St. Jean Baptiste church, Merrimack street.
 - Dec. 30, 1912, Lavery's bakery.
 - Feb. 17, 1913, Wright & Gerrish building and W. B. Spalding estate, Central street.
 - April 15, 1913, Dodge Machine shop, Payne street.
 - April 30, 1913, Doherty Bros' foundry.
 - June 23, 1913, Adams Hardware Co., 401 Middlesex street.
 - Aug. 27, 1913, Harvard Brewery, off Plain street.
 - Nov. 5, 1913, John Bennett Machine Co.
 - Dec. 5, 1913, Lavery's bakery.
 - Dec. 17, 1913, Merrimack street building owned by E. A. and M. N. Simpson.
 - Feb. 21, 1914, destruction of John Kettell hot house.
 - March 7, 1914, Smith shoe store, Middlesex street.
 - May 12, 1914, Pratt & Forrest lumber firm.
 - May 23, 1914, Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store.
 - Aug. 9, 1914, J. K. Fellows' estate.
 - Aug. 15, 1914, William E. Livingston.
 - Sept. 6, 1914, Spalding park grandstand.
 - Dec. 26, 1914, J. P. Quinn.
 - March 1, 1915, Memorial hall.
 - March 18, 1915, Suffolk hall.
 - June 18, 1915, Chase Waste Paper Co.



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MADE A BRITISH PEER

WM. W. ASTOR REALIZES AMBITION OF 16 YEARS BY BEING CREATED BARON

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Among the honors conferred by King George at the new year are the following:
Barons: William Waldorf Astor, Lord Charles Beresford, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, David A. Thomas and Capt. Cecil William Norton.
Among those who receive baronetcies are Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturges, Sir William Goschen, Sir Charles Johnston and Alfred A. Booth. The privy councillors named include William Crooks and Sir Frederick Banbury.
Earl Curzon of Kedleston and the Duke of Devonshire are made Knights of the Garter. Baron Mersey is made a viscount.
The New Year's honors announced last night stand apart from the conventional lists through the absence of rewards for political and party services and the substitution of recognitions of various sorts for war activities.
There was one notable surprise—the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, the wealthy American citizen who years ago became an expatriate. Another surprise, which is certain to be as popular as it is harmonious with the spirit of the day, is the appointment of William—or Will, as he is better known—Crooks, the labor leader, to the Privy Council.
Mr. Astor's title is considered as the fulfillment of the ambition which brought him to England 16 years ago to become a British subject.
Mr. Astor's reputed candidacy for the peerage was a topic which greatly engrossed society after he launched his career as a British subject. Un-

ELLIOTT FEARS STRIKE

NEW HAVEN'S PRESIDENT CLAIMS LEGISLATION IS DOING HARM TO ROADS

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—"There is a possibility of a strike this winter involving more than 350,000 railroad workers," said President Howard Elliott of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, speaking on "Transportation Problems and the Rights of Railroads," at the coffee party of the Master Builders' association yesterday in their headquarters on Devonshire street.
Speaking of the troubles of a railroad, he said: "A plethora of regulatory legislation inaugurated with good intention of bettering the conditions of the railroads, is having, in fact, the opposite effect. There is entirely too much legislation."
"The railroads are entirely out of adjustment with the country, as can be seen from the fact that about one-sixth of the railroads in this country are now in the hands of a receiver."
Speaking of the cost of transportation he said that America gets more service per mile of track, at less cost to the community, and pays higher wages than any railroad in Europe. There is only one country in the world in which freight rates are lower, and only one country where higher wages are paid, he said.
In conclusion he said that the railroad problem is a tremendous one, and asked the co-operation of all people to help in solving it.

UNITARIAN MISSION WEEK

PROMINENT PREACHERS ENGAGED FOR NEXT WEEK EVERY EVENING

A Unitarian preaching mission will be held in the First Unitarian church on Merrimack street from next Sunday until Sunday, January 9, under the auspices of the North Middlesex Conference of Unitarian churches. The First Universalist and Grace Universalist societies will co-operate in the movement. The program consists of addresses every Sunday evening with congregational singing of old familiar hymns. The program is:
Sunday, January 2nd, at 7 p. m. Samuel Atkins Elliot, D. D. of Boston, Mass. "See Ye First the Kingdom of God."
Monday, Jan. 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. Frederick E. Emrich, D. D. of Boston, Mass. Subject to be announced later.
Tuesday, January 4th, at 7:30 p. m. Paul Revere Frothingham, D. D. of Boston, Mass. "The Simplicity Which is in Christ."
Wednesday, January 5th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Henry Hallam Sanderson, of Boston, Mass. "Keep thy heart above all that thou guardest, for out of it are the issues of life."
Thursday, January 6th, at 7:30 p. m. Lee S. McColister, D. D. of Boston, Mass. Subject to be announced.
Friday, January 7th, at 7:30 p. m. W. W. Penn, D. D. of Cambridge, Mass. Subject to be announced.
Saturday, January 8th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Louis C. Cornish, of Boston, Mass. "The Bondsman of Hope."
Sunday, January 9th, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Louis C. Cornish, of Boston, Mass. "The glory which thou hast given me, I have given unto them, that they may be one even as we are one."
Money deposited in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank (Oct. 31, January 1st) will draw interest from today.

ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

SCHMIDT, CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, TO FILE MOTION

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—"The case will go to the highest courts if that be necessary," said Mr. J. M. Schmidt yesterday discussing in his cell his conviction for the murder of Charles Hagerty, a victim of the Los Angeles Times explosion five years ago.
Schmidt seemed unperturbed by the finding of first degree murder with recommendation for mercy, and settled down to studying various angles of the case with a view to adding his attorney, whose motion for a new trial is to be filed Monday and argued January 13th.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

"Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble," Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK

Senator Hollis Predicts Success for Wilson — Roosevelt May Lead Opposition

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hampshire, who has been designated to be the senate leader of the rural credits bill which will be brought up for consideration early in the session, today made to The Sun correspondent some very interesting statements regarding the work of congress this winter. Mr. Hollis is a staunch democrat and has stood close to the administration ever since he was elected to the senate in 1912. In commenting on congressional work and the political outlook, Mr. Hollis said: "The main things democrats promised in their platform have been carried out. They have brought about an honest revision of the tariff; a successful system for federal reserve banks; a federal trade commission and effective anti-trust legislation." Mr. Hollis continued by saying that the present congress would have little to deal with except adequate preparedness for national defense and rural credits. There will probably be time, in Mr. Hollis' opinion, to pass these measures and to also pass the new auxiliary naval bill which came before the last congress as a government ship-building bill. Senator Hollis believes that the democratic party will be united on these measures as well as on rural credits. Said Mr. Hollis: "The question of national preparedness will not be made partisan. Democrats who believe in strong military and naval policies and republicans who have the same trend of thought will join hands. The president has suggested his own views on the matter of defense and will have a strong backing in both senate and house and the result will be a non-partisan vote."

COASTER HIT BY AUTO

THOMAS DUFFIN, 7, HURLED TEN FEET AND MAY BE INTERNALLY HURT

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—At the foot of a long slide on Granpian way, Dorchester, Thomas Duffin, 7, while coasting, collided with an automobile moving along Savin Hill avenue, and was tossed 10 feet, sustaining injuries that caused his name to be placed on the city hospital danger list.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duffin, of 31 Tuttle street, Dorchester. The automobile was driven by William A. Ritchie, who picked the boy up and took him to the hospital.
The boy has a concussion of the brain, abrasions about the face and probable internal injuries.

GREET FORD DELEGATES

CROWDS MET THE BOAT WHICH BROUGHT AMERICANS ACROSS THE WATER AT COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 1.—The Ford peace delegates arrived here yesterday. Crowds met the boat which brought the Americans across the water from Sweden.
The police authorities have prohibited the holding of any public demonstrations in Denmark, and the executive committee announces that strict compliance would be given to this order. During the visit to Copenhagen, therefore, the members of the mission probably will engage only in informal conferences with a view to obtaining Danish delegates and preparing for the trip to The Hague.
When the party was leaving Stockholm, thousands of Swedish people gathered at the station to bid it farewell and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
The members of the expedition are much interested in the experience of Mme. Rozika Schimmer, the Hungarian delegate, who was requested to

visit the minister of Justice and receive the instructions that no public peace meetings would be permitted. Mme. Schimmer was summoned from her hotel by the police. Later the committee of arrangements issued a formal public statement, a copy of which was given to each member of the expedition. The statement said in part:

"Long ago the conditions bearing upon neutral countries made it necessary for the authorities of this country to decide against public meetings where any discussions of war or peace were to be held. For this reason we must refrain from holding public meetings for the Ford expedition.
"But to show our hearty sympathy and interest we have provided for private receptions for different groups, where we may meet and exchange ideas. After a consultation with the Danish authorities we have promised that everyone connected with the expedition will abide by these conditions."
The Ford party will probably sail next Wednesday for Rotterdam on the steamer A. P. Bernstorff.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

- Dec. 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Towle, at 50 Whitney avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. McQuinn, of 43 Kinsman street, a daughter.
12.—To Mr. and Mrs. Omar Allard, of 760 Merrimack street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Elijah P. Collins, of 77 Carlton street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fox, of 27 Rogers street, a son.
14.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodwin Tittemore, of 7 Mt. Washington street, a son.
16.—To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Howard, of 75 Andrews street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pirotti, of 37 Keene street, a daughter.
17.—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Greenwood, of 30 Griffin street, a son.
18.—To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. McCann, of 17 Cedar street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamphere, of 8 McGovern court, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stefanopoulos, of 143 Market street, a son.
19.—To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kodakowski, of 205 L street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Hogan, of 93 Andrews street, a son.
20.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearson, of 6 Morton street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Traversy, of 23 Hancock avenue, a daughter.
21.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kay, of 144 Lawrence street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janocha, of 78 West Fourth street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Puzon, of 50 French street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Livingston, of 738 School street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Silver, of 584 Chalmers street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rinehart, of 101 Gates street, a son.
22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Pierre J. Dailaire, of 126 West Sixth street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Grace Roznik, of 14 Brighton avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rogers, of 16 Olive street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maloney, of 7 Moncalm avenue, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donnelly, of 87 Andover street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Draper, of 52 Forrest street, a daughter.
23.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Adamawski, of 7 Sullivan's court, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Max Rindler, of 42 Coburn street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Elceopoulos, of 450 Market street, a son.
24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Philomina Leonard, of 24 Marshall street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dunlay, of 652 Chelmsford street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silva, of 75 Lincoln street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. George B. Bellarose, of 162 B. street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dunn, of 16 Marshall street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Trudel, of 29 Sarah avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gleason, of 78 West Sixth street, a daughter.
25.—To Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Innamorato, of 151 South street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Thompson, of 134 Parkview avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolos, of 232 Lakeview avenue, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Reseira, of 11 Bradford street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Eliaz, of 62 Suffolk street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Salsdom, of 16 Gardner avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gorman, of 68 Perry street, a daughter.
26.—To Mr. and Mrs. Eustine Bomila, of 1211 street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Haxiampos Eliakopoulos, of 30 Willis street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Beaulieu, of 141 Baldwin street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Panagioti P. Bourdakis, of 604 Merrimack street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Weillbrenner, of 3 Lane Court, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Emil J. Davén, of 48 Rock street, a daughter.
27.—To Mr. and Mrs. Zephiran Norman, of 264 Varnum avenue, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sokarell, of 240 Market street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Guigan, of 41 Elm street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, of 107 Chapel street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Hillis, of 10 Berkeley avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Feough, of 17 Barrett street, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Noel Cossette, of 83 Easton street, a son.
28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bouchard, of 47 Market street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bouchard, of 155 Alken street, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. James Keene, of 15 Denault place, a daughter.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States civil service commission announces competitive examinations to be held as follows:
January 18.—Civil engineer, male, salary, \$1500 to \$3000 per annum; chart engraver, male, salary, \$720 to \$2400 per annum; entomologist, male, salary, \$2900 to \$2500 per annum; assistant surgeon, male, salary, \$1900 per annum.
January 19-20.—Teacher, male and female.
January 19.—Radio inspector, male, salary, \$1200 to \$1600 per annum; teacher of agriculture, male, salary, \$800 per annum; junior pharmacist, male, salary, \$1200 to \$1500 per annum; fish pathologist, male, salary, \$2500 per annum; sanitary engineer, male, salary, \$1500 per annum; scientific assistant in mycology, salary, \$1200 to \$1400 per annum.
January 19-20.—Structural engineer and draftsman, male, salary, \$1500 per annum.
January 25.—Metallographist, male, salary, \$2000 per annum; assistant metallurgist, male, salary, \$1800 to \$3000 per annum; designer of hulls, male, salary, \$2100 to \$3000 per annum; designer of marine engines, boilers and machinery, male, salary, \$2100 to \$3000 per annum.
February 2.—Assistant in metallurgical investigations, male, salary, \$1800 per annum.
March 10-16.—Assistant, men; teacher, men and women; industrial teacher, men, salary, \$1200 to \$3000 per annum.
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Photo Sackley Studio.LT. COL. RAYMOND BOURGEOIS
Photo Sackley Studio.1ST MAJ. WALTER J. L'ESPERANCE
Photo Sackley Studio.A MODISH JUVENILE
Purple velvet trimmed with quaint novelty buttons and patches of metal embroidery give this elegant frock. The full flounce, with slit pockets, suggests a peasant's apron, while the basque is certainly of Normandy lines. This makes a picturesque afternoon gown.

Marked by the usual brilliancy of high school functions, the annual ball of the officers of the high school regiment was held at Associate Hall last evening. There were in attendance past and present pupils of the school in nearly equal numbers filling the hall to its utmost capacity and contributing to make the ball a delightful New Year's social event.

The program was indeed a pleasing one replete with features appropriate to the occasion. From the start of the grand march shortly after 8 o'clock until after midnight the young people glided away the hours, the beautiful gowns worn by the young ladies and the natty uniforms of the cadets making a scene beautiful to look upon. The balcony was thronged with parents and friends of the dancers who gaily looked on, fully enjoying the scene.

Superb decorations enhanced the beauty of Associate Hall. The whole affair presented a very striking spectacle, the officers' uniforms, the display of American flags and the stack of arms on the stage giving the scene a military aspect. White, yellow and blue bunting were the prevailing colors with American flags gathered prettily together in every corner. Light blue bunting, in the center of which was a cluster of American flags, made a pretty stage background. On the sides were yellow and blue bunting while the front of the stage was lined with potted plants and flowers almost hiding the members of Hubbard's orchestra from view of the dancers. The front of the balcony was covered with white bunting with red, white and blue festoons at intervals. The walls and windows were hidden under lace and bunting. Streamers of blue and white extended from the corners of the hall to the center chandelier. The electric effect was also striking, hundreds of lighted incandescents enlivening the scene.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock Hubbard's orchestra struck up a modern

and the officers accompanied by their partners entered the hall from the rear with Col. Kerrigan and Miss May Burger in the lead. For several minutes the line marched around the hall performing many difficult and pretty figures. The most impressive of all was the salute to the flag at the conclusion of the march which brought repeated applause from the balcony. From 8:30 o'clock dancing was enjoyed to the delightful strains of Hubbard's orchestra.

Following Col. Kerrigan and Miss Burger in line were: Lt. Col. Raymond Bourgeois and Miss Rose Leary; Major Walter J. L'Esperance and Miss Margaret Wyman; Maj. Edward Sullivan and Miss Elsie Rowland; Maj. Frederic Thomas and Miss Madeline Sullivan; Adjt. Reginald B. Nichols and Miss Irene Bentley; Capt. Alfred H. Fletcher and Miss Beatrice Derby; Capt. Aubrey L. Hunt and Miss Isabel Roy; Capt. William Atwood and Miss Sonia Boaz; Capt. Thomas F. Garvey and Miss Margaret Garvey; Capt. Reginald E. Cox and Miss Harriet Black; Capt. Hilfred Hardy and Miss Gladys Fradd; Capt. Joseph F. Boyd and Miss Mildred McGowan; Capt. Charles H. O'Donnell and Miss Marie O'Donnell; Capt. Meade H. Pearson and Miss Laura Pearson; Capt. John J. Connelly and Miss Connelly; Capt. Frederick O'Dwyer and Miss Ruth Delaronde; Adjt. Vincent McCartin and Miss Frances McCartin; Adjt. Howard Large and Miss Mildred Libbey; Adjt. John Dowd and Miss Dowd; First Lieut. Hugh F. Downey and Miss Esther Adams; First Lieut. Henry J. Mulcahy and Miss Dorothy Perry; First Lieut. Roswell E. Cardell and Miss Alice Nichols; First Lieut. Arnold A. Milken and Miss Violet Hands; First Lieut. Carroll F. Sullivan and Miss Dorothy McAdams; First Lieut. Frederick L. Pyne and Miss Marion Gormley; First Lieut. Whitcomb W. Wright and Miss Mae Webster; First Lieut. William C. Ready and Miss Mary Dunn; First

Lieut. Howard V. Ingham and Miss Rebecca Mountford; First Lieut. Paul J. Choquette and Miss Agnes Joyce; Second Lieut. Lester Sherburne and Miss Louise Sherburne; Second Lieut. Charles Campbell and Miss Dora E. Davis; Second Lieut. William Martin and Miss Charlotte Green; Second Lieut. Henry McGowan and Miss Esther Cooney; Second Lieut. Arthur Thompson and Miss Madeline K. Pinkham; Second Lieut. Joseph Mahoney and Miss Alice Donahue; Second Lieut. Frederick J. Goodhall and Miss Hazel Cockerline; Second Lieut. Arthur W. Spence and Miss Dorothy Wright; Second Lieut. Carter H. Hoyt and Miss Muriel Crompton and others.

At intermission refreshments were served by Caterer Charles Shaw.

The matrons of the evening were Miss Severance, Miss Allen, Miss Webster, Miss Stocks, Miss Sullivan and Miss Baker.

The officers of the evening were: General manager, Col. Herbert T. Kerrigan; assistant general manager, Lt. Col. Raymond Bourgeois; floor director, Maj. Walter J. L'Esperance; assistant floor directors, Maj. Edmund Sullivan and Major Frederic W. Thomas; chief aids, Regt. Adjt. Reginald E. Cox, F. Hilfred Hardy, Joseph F. Boyd, Charles H. O'Donnell, Meade H. Pearson, John J. Connelly, Frederick O'Dwyer, Arthur Odel, Adjutants Vincent McCartin, Howard I. Large, John C. Dowd, First Lieutenants Hugh F. Downey, Henry J. Mulcahy, Roswell E. Cardell, Arnold Milken, Carroll F. Sullivan, Frederick L. Pyne, Ralph J. Holland, Whitcomb W. Wright, William C. Ready, Howard V. Ingham, Albert S. Redway, Paul J. Choquette, Second Lieutenants Lester A. Sherburne, Charles F. Campbell, William B. Martin, Henry E. McGowan, Arthur R. Thompson, J. Joseph Mahoney, Fred J. Goodall, Arthur W. Spence, John R. Lacy, Barabed Monaghan, Carter H. Hoyt, Francis H. Gowan.

Y.M.C.A. MEETING

An important meeting of the Y.M.C.A. will be held tomorrow morning in the society quarters in Stackpole street at which election of officers for the ensuing term will be held. President John H. Shea, who is a candidate for re-election and it is said that he will be unopposed. Several lively contests are looked for among the large number of candidates.

REP. BUCHANAN WAIVES RIGHTS AS MEMBER OF CONGRESS



REPRESENTATIVE FRANK BUCHANAN

Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois, accused of complicity in pro-German plots, after a conference with Representatives Rainey and Taggart, decided to go to New York to answer the indictment which has been brought against him, waiving any rights he may have as a member of congress. He said that he had left the matter entirely in the hands of Representative Rainey. Mr. Rainey said that Mr. Buchanan, conscious of his innocence, would seek a speedy trial. He said that Mr. Buchanan believed that if he resisted arrest he might cause a belief in his guilt in the minds of some persons.

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MRS. SAWTELLE'S DEATH

AGED WOMAN DIED AS RESULT OF BURNING ACCIDENT YESTERDAY

Mrs. Ella M. Sawtelle, aged 71 years, was fatally burned about the body yesterday afternoon while attending to a boiler in the basement of her home 282 Walker street. She was attended by Dr. Archibald R. Gardner and later taken to the Lowell General Hospital where everything in the way of medical skill was resorted to to save her life but she passed away at that institution this morning.

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Sawtelle went into the cellar to care for the fire. She was attired in light clothing and while poking the fire a hot coal dropped to the floor. Evidently she did not notice it for the first intimation she had of anything wrong was when she found her clothing afire.

After an attempt to extinguish the blaze she managed to tear off her clothing but not before she had been badly burned about the body and lower limbs.

Dr. Gardner was called and after giving her treatment ordered her removed to the hospital. Everything possible was done to save her life but this morning she died from the shock.

She was 71 years of age and is survived by a daughter, brother and sister.

AMERICAN WAS KILLED

RICHARD HALL, VICTIM OF GERMAN SHELL—CROSS OF WAR ON FLAG THAT COVERED BODY

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Delayed.—The Cross of War was pinned upon the French flag which covered the body of Richard Hall, a Dartmouth graduate, who was killed Christmas by a German shell while driving an American ambulance on a steep, shell-damaged road near Hartmanns-Wendelskopf.

A letter of condolence from Gen. Joffre, the French commander in chief and signed also by Major General Ragenau, aide de camp, has been sent to Robert Bacon, president of the committee of the American hospital at Neuilly.

A. Platt Andrew, inspector general of the American ambulance in the field, has returned to Paris from Alsace where he attended the funeral of the young volunteer.

Hall was killed by a stray shell at a lonely turn in the road up the mountain which German guns try incessantly to reach. His car was demolished and swept off the road.

Luke Doyle, who at first was reported wounded at the same time, was in fact struck in the arm by a shrapnel splinter four days before.

The funeral service for Hall was held in a little Protestant chapel five miles down the valley, usually attended by many officers and soldiers and natives of the valley, but today reserved for Hall's comrades as the soldiers were on duty on the mountain crest, where a fierce fight for Hartmanns-Wendelskopf still was raging.

"At the conclusion of the service Hall's citation was read and the Cross of War pinned on the coffin. The body was then carried to the cemetery by officers and comrades. His brother, Louis Hall, walked directly behind the coffin and 15 soldiers belonging to a battalion on leave from the trenches, marched in file on each side with arms reversed."

Louis Hall has returned to Paris on his way back to the United States. He will take with him the middle canvas side of the automobile ambulance which had been presented by Dartmouth students and to the Alpha Delta Phi, the fraternity of which his brother was a member, the steel helmet which he wore when killed.

DYNAMITE FOUND

Five Sticks in Dress Suit Case Picked Up in State House

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—A dress suit case containing five sticks of dynamite connected with a partially burned fuse was found at the door of the office of the sergeant-at-arms at the state house today.

After being photographed at police headquarters the dynamite was taken to a quarry outside of the city and exploded. The police declared it had sufficient power to have caused considerable damage.

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TEUTONS AT MONASTIR

GATHER FOR ATTACK—BULGARS TO LAUNCH ATTACK AGAINST FORCES AT SALONIKI

LONDON, Jan. 1, 12:14 p. m.—Right on the heels of the reply of the Austro-Hungarian government to the American note regarding the Italian steamship Ancona comes the news of the sinking of the "Peninsular & Oriental liner Persia which is known to have had at least one American on board. Details are lacking but the first news indicates there was a great loss of life in the sinking of the liner.

The opening of the new year celebration in the near east by indications of a revival of military activity in Macedonia, where German and Austrian troops are reported to be gathering at Monastir, while by way of Budapest comes a hint that Bulgaria is on the eve of launching an attack against the entente forces at Saloniki.

Litko has been received in London tending to clear up the mysterious operations of the Russians in Bessarabia, except an official acknowledgment by Petrograd that heavy fighting has occurred along the extreme southern end of the battle front.

The Austro-Germans have completed their occupation of Serbia by the appointment of Count Salis-Seewis, commander of the Austrian troops at Vienna, as governor general of the conquered country.

Various new year messages written by rulers, statesmen and soldiers of the belligerents do not give any hope of an early peace. They rather emphasize the necessity of a ruthless prosecution of hostilities.

INDOOR CHAMPIONS DEVANNEY AND RAY TO MEET IN SPECIAL MATCH RACE



DEVANNEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Widespread interest is being taken in the coming mile and a half match race between Joie Ray of Chicago, the national indoor champion, and Mike Devanne, the holder of the two mile indoor title, to be held in Madison Square Garden here on Jan. 23. The race between the pair should result in one of the best held in many moons. In fact, many experts predict a new indoor record for distance.

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LOWELL LOOKS AHEAD

On the threshold of a new year, Lowell can look forward with confidence to a period of construction and civic progress. Rarely has a January dawned with more promise. In our business affairs, optimism is the order of the day, and in our political affairs there is every expectation that some of the larger problems that confront us will be settled and taken out of the arena of petty controversy. If, with the old year have gone the insincerity and indecision that have blocked progressiveness, and if the Lowell public gets together in a genuine desire to promote the best interests of Lowell and its people, the close of 1916 will find us sailing smoothly on the sea of general prosperity.

We have already embarked on many large undertakings, the completion of which is a public necessity. Of these the addition to the high school takes priority. Neglected until the need became crying indeed, the high school project must be carried to completion as soon as possible with due consideration to economy. It is gratifying to find that plans are taking practical shape, and the incoming municipal body will have the support of the Lowell public in carrying them to intelligent completion.

The erection of a new bridge at Pawtucketville cannot be neglected much longer without serious danger, and the residents of that section who have been so often disappointed are looking forward to a speedy crowning of their hopes. We have had too much theory and an exhibition of the way municipal business should not be done; let us, before the close of the year, have action and a grateful change in method. The building of a bridge at Pawtucketville will have to be done, and the preliminaries should be attended to as soon as conditions warrant it.

Two other important projects being advocated generally are the erection of a hospital for contagious diseases and a new public hall. The former is required by law, and the decision is taken out of our hands by the state. It is time that all beating about the bush should be abandoned in favor of some more satisfactory solution of the problem. The need for a public hall has long been felt and admitted, and it was brought home to the people strongly during the unique "Made-in-Lowell" exposition of which the city feels so proud.

It was also well that during the new year the policy of systematized street construction and maintenance should be more clearly adopted, as suggested some time ago by the board of trade. A policy of planning ahead, with due respect to the respective needs of all localities, would remove many past causes of complaint and prevent the repetition and overlapping that has been a fruitful source of waste. Under Commissioner Morse, the conduct of the street department has become far more efficient than formerly and we have a great deal to show for the past few years. With plans in advance covering the city as a whole, and embracing more than one season, it ought to be possible in future to attend to our streets systematically and scientifically, so that street work may be determined by a definite plan rather than by political or sectional considerations.

Our parks and playgrounds will also call for special effort during the coming year. It may be that the present appropriation is too small for adequate service, but this makes the necessity for efficiency and economy all the more pressing. In this connection, the taking over of some small areas in congested sections has been suggested, and the development of the river bank, including the erection of a stadium, is one of the agitations of the moment.

There are other pressing needs but enough have been mentioned to show that the incoming municipal body has no slight program of improvements. As a closing suggestion, The Sun reiterates its belief that the annexation of Dracut, wholly or in part, would react very favorably on Lowell. The city needs room to grow, in area, in population, in industry and in prestige, and one of the ways to give the city room is to annex our nearest neighbor. In any of these matters, there should be no suggestion of partisanship or political play; all are for the interests of Lowell and all of its citizens, and our people cannot do better than to determine to solidly support every scheme of general improvement during the months of 1916.

AUSTRIA BACKS DOWN

The unexpected has happened once again in the determination of Austria to avoid a diplomatic rupture with this country—if the advance summary of the Austrian reply to the second American note is correct. With the same cleverness and astute diplomacy that characterized the first note, the Austrian government meets the American contention point by point, but winds up with the assurance that it is not Austria's intention to run counter to the wishes of the American government respecting the safeguarding of the lives of passengers. The most important clause, and that which promises to smooth out the controversy, states that the officer of the

time over our petty political feuds, opportunity is gliding by, and it is becoming known that the politics which interferes with business is bad for politics and bad for business. While there are political parties there will have to be party questions, but in all of the larger things the aim ought to be to arrive at such an understanding that no American advantage shall be lost through partisan politics.

THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

The jumping of maritime insurance through the Suez canal to about three times the normal figure, by the famous Lloyds agency, does not necessarily imply that the Teutons are about to launch an attack on Egypt. Yet it has some significance, and while both Germany and England keep their plans secret one can only guess blindly. The most plausible explanation seen thus far is that England wishes the insurance to be raised as a precautionary measure, as this would automatically turn maritime trade into other routes temporarily and thus give Great Britain an opportunity to fortify the canal and make preparations to repel any possible attack on Egypt. Should Germany really send a new force towards Egypt, it would prove one of the most ambitious projects of the war, and it is not expected that preparations would be perfected for many weeks. Meanwhile, England does not take the threat lightly as is shown by the raise in insurance by Lloyds.

POLICE AND MILITIA

One of the wise recommendations of the state's commission for the study of military matters is that the militia be relieved from strike and riot duty, and that these functions be performed by a trained and equipped force of state mounted police. Such a change would work for good in many ways. In a sentimental sense, strikers would not feel that soldiers were their enemies, as they felt during many strikes in this part of the country, and the work of quelling strike disturbance might well be given over to more mature men. The calling of the state militia has some regrettable consequences, and these cannot be entirely surmounted under existing circumstances. It was responsible for some of the bad feeling in Lawrence and more recently in Colorado. With a state police force for the purpose, authority might be maintained without turning police duty over to soldiers.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Scapgoat

"Blames Mellen." In the vernacular, somebody must be the "goat."—Salem News.

Latest

British war bulletin: The Dardanelles will remain closed until further notice.—Manchester Mirror.

Passed the Increase

Fall River mills ought to be able to pay as high a scale as any cotton factories in New England.—Fall River Herald.

Important, if True

The important point, if true, is that Germany has done about all she can with her carefully provided stores of power.—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

Start Anyway

Start the new diary and make a few new resolutions even if you don't keep them up long.—Portland Express.

More Power to You

Oh, yes, we're growing, not only in valuation but in population, enterprise and importance.—Springfield Union.

Don't—Fellows

Warnings about not for the grapple. And as usual, the first advice is given to the young fellow who might be inclined to kiss and is contained in the one word, "Don't."—Lynn News.

A Good Obstacle

Just at present the railroads are experiencing the embarrassment of having too much of a good thing. They are overwhelmed with business.—Fall River Globe.

They Like Him

Henry Ford will be given a grand reception when he reaches Detroit. There is one town that has faith in him and his efforts.—Meriden Journal.

They Never Refuse

Somebody out in Michigan says Roosevelt will run if nominated. Of course he would. Do you know of any prominent public man who would not?—Huntington Free Press.

Wasted Energy

One cannot but think that it would be better for Great Britain to devote to her military efforts a little of the care she uses in going through other people's mail.—Providence Journal.

In This Sarcastic

If President Wilson runs again next year it will be on his foreign war policy, and what republican leader could come so near matching him on that issue as William H. Taft.—Haverhill Gazette.

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NO. CHELMSFORD NEWS

Village Is Prosperous—Industries Very Busy—School Matters of Interest—Church News

The village of North Chelmsford is quite prosperous and the outlook for the year is excellent. The residents are interested in the solution of the high school problem and a few other matters now under discussion.

Well Known Resident Dead

Charles H. Crowell, one of the best known residents of the village where he resided for a great many years, died yesterday morning at his home at the corner of Newfield and Wright streets. Deceased was at one time prominently connected with the Congregational church where he was well liked by the parishioners. He worked at the Lowell Machine shop for several years, after which he took up employment at the North Chelmsford Supply Co. Failing health compelled him to give up his occupation last spring and he has been unable to do any active work since that time. Three years ago he was honored by the voters by being selected for a position on the school board, and while his health remained good he proved a very valuable official. Mr. Crowell, who was in his 66th year, is survived by his wife, one son, Harry Crowell of Beverly, one daughter, Mrs. Walter B. Pierce and three grandchildren.

St. John's Church

New Year's day, which is a holy day of obligation in all Roman Catholic churches throughout the world, being the Feast of the Circumcision, was observed at St. John's church this morning. Masses at 8:30 and 7:15 o'clock. Tomorrow masses will be at the regular hours and the celebrant will be Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, pastor of the church. Rev. Henry Scott will officiate at St. Catherine's church, Grantville.

Water District Meeting

The annual meeting of the Chelmsford water district will be held Monday evening in Chelmsford Centre and the notice or warrant to this effect has been posted in the lower town hall. The most important items of business to come before the voters are the election of a commissioner to serve two years in the district and to authorize the commission to make a settlement in the action brought by Thomas J. Bruno against the district. The commissioner's report was distributed throughout every section of the town today and the majority of voters were supplied with copies. Those who failed to receive a copy may have the same by applying to the commissioners.

Christian Endeavor Society

The following is a list of the officers and members of the committees elected at the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor society, held in the vestry of the Congregational church this week: Officers: A. Trubey, president; E. Clifford Lakin, vice-president; Miss Alice P. Freeze, recording and corresponding secretary; Miss Clarice Waterhouse, treasurer; lookout committee, Albert Guerin, Chester McCombs, Miss Marion Stevens, Miss Bessie Houle; mission committee, Philip Machon, Clifford Lakin, Raymond Ballinger, music committee, Misses Edna Daniels, E. Swain, Bertha L. Wright, Marion Varney, Clarice Waterhouse; flower committee, Miss Helen Haywood; Miss Ruth Moody, Marshall Blakeslee, George Davis, Leroy Lakin; prayer meeting committee, Gilbert R. Merrill, Alfred R. Freeze, Mrs. Philip Machon; social committee, Raymond Slater, Royal Shawcross, Miss Matilda Moore, Miss Clarice Waterhouse, Miss Edna Daniels and Miss Alice P. Freeze. Other business of more or less importance was also transacted at this meeting.

To Take Training Course

Miss Belle Valentine and Miss Mary Tucke left today to take up a training course at the New Hampshire state hospital in Concord. As a means of wishing them success in their new venture the members of the Ladies' auxiliary entertained both young women in St. John's hall on Wednesday evening of this week. A very appetizing supper was served at which a pleasant conversation was enjoyed in a well carried out musical program.

Silesia Worsted Mills

The employees of the Silesia Worsted mills are singularly fortunate in working for a concern paying the highest wages if not more than any other woolen concern in the country. No general increase has been granted as yet at the North Chelmsford establishment but it is believed that the employees will receive an increase in the near future. Agent Mark Ingham in conversation with the writer yesterday said it is customary with his company to pay the highest possible wages when business conditions warrant doing so, and the company is at the present living up to his statement. The pay of the employees has been increased on several occasions since the war started, and it is reasonable to suppose that this policy will be continued so long as business remains good. At the present time the North Chelmsford plant is rushed with orders

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—have been extremely scarce. We've just received new lots; made with spear point or black embroidered backs.

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Canvas and Corduroy Coats, blanket lined and sold up to \$4.00, for.....**\$2.50**

Leather Coats, corduroy lined and Canvas Coats, sheepskin lined, sold up to \$5, for.....**\$3.50**

Moleskin Coats and Corduroy Coats, blanket or sheepskin lined, sold up to \$6.00, for.....**\$4.00**

Corduroy Coats, sheepskin lined, with sheepskin collar, sold up to \$6.50, for.....**\$5.00**

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166 CENTRAL STREET

the most enjoyable in the history of the school were: Mrs. Patrick S. Ward, Mrs. Rose McNally, Mrs. Joseph D. Ryan, Mrs. George Hodge and Mrs. Arthur W. Trubey. The officers of the senior class are as follows: John Dunham, president; Miss Mildred Ward, vice-president; Miss Germaine O'Leary, secretary; Leo Ryan, treasurer.

SURVIVOR OF ANCONA

DR. CECILE S. GREIL, NEW YORK RED CROSS PHYSICIAN, ARRIVES HOME

Descend that Christmas money in The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank. Today, January 1st, is "Quarter Day."

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Dr. Cecile S. Greil, the New York Red Cross physician who was on board the Italian steamer Ancona when the vessel was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine off the coast of

SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Building Permits Are Few, But Several Structures Are Under Way—Transactions for Week

Although the stormy weather of the past week put a damper on building operations in this city permits aggregating about \$10,000 were issued through the office of the lands and buildings department.

The most important was that granted to Frank Sherwood to make alterations in the Runkle building in Merrimack square. The Runkle property belongs to the B. F. Keith estate of which Mr. Sherwood is local agent. The alterations and improvements

will be confined to the store on the first floor which was occupied by E. A. Wilson & Co., F. B. Leads and McGowan Bros., up to the first of the month. After the work is completed and the partition which separates this store from A. W. Dows & Co. is taken down, the latter firm will occupy the modern and up-to-date quarters. It is expected that cost of alterations will be in the vicinity of \$2000.

The Wood property in Hosford sq. which was recently acquired by the Children's Home Corp. after the latter had been obliged to give up its land in Kirk street owing to its seizure by the city for a high school site, is to be greatly improved. A permit for alterations having been granted the corporation by the lands and buildings department. The heating of the building, which is now being done with a hot air system, will, after alterations are completed, be done with steam. Two new bathrooms will be installed on the second floor of the building, and

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BELLEVUE CLUB BANQUET

ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR'S EVE AF-
FAIR IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL—
THE PROGRAM

Bringing his address and the old
year to an end simultaneously was
the achievement of Hon. James B. Casey
at the Bellevue club banquet and New
Year's eve celebration at Odd Fellows
hall last evening. Just as the bells
were ringing out the midnight
hour and the passing of 1915, Mr. Casey
uttered the last word of his dis-
course and said: "As it is now 1916 I
wish you all a very happy and pros-
perous new year."

Last evening's banquet marked the
first attempt of the Bellevues in that
line and its success augurs a bright
future. Every detail was arranged
in a most efficient manner and all
present pronounced it one of the most
enjoyable events of the season.

During the early part of the evening
the members and invited guests met
in the well appointed rooms of the club
on the second floor of the Odd Fel-
lows building. At 11:30 lines were
formed and all marched to the banquet
hall to the accompaniment of an ex-
cellent march. There the festivities
were opened by Chairman Alex John-
ston. He extended a hearty welcome
to all and thanked the guests for their
presence after which he introduced
George Tighe as toastmaster. Mr.
Tighe made a neat speech of welcome
in which he thanked the members for
honoring him with the position.

As Mr. Casey, the principal speaker,
had another engagement he was
then called upon and he delivered an
eloquent address on the significance of
the occasion. He told of the custom of
making resolutions at the beginning of
the new year, to be broken, probably
a day later. Make resolutions, he said,
but do not make absurd ones. In de-
ciding to give up something, be care-
ful and judicious, and when you ar-
rive at your decision be determined to
carry it to a successful conclusion.
He impressed upon all the fact that
with the coming of the new year, all
should strive to attain something
higher, take advantage of the oppor-
tunities offered to better your position
in life. While it is a duty for you
to see that your organization ad-
vances, you should not be too devo-
tastic over it. You should devote
some time to yourself. You should
stop and think what you must do to
attain your goal. If you do this suc-
cess will crown your efforts. I do hope
that your club will prosper, but I
would rather see you prosper as in-
dividuals, he said.

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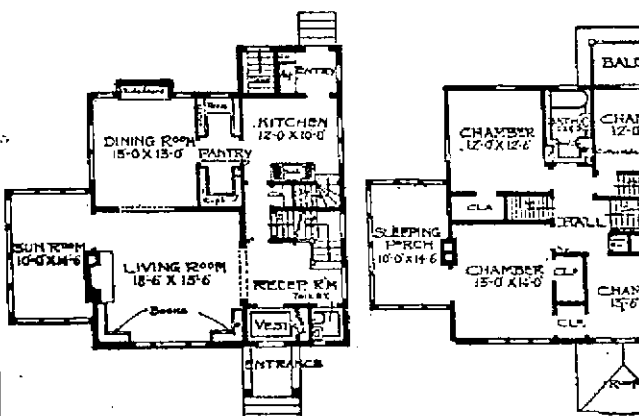
Lowell Journeys to Marlboro tonight
for a regular league game.
The Bellevue quintet will play the
speedy L. M. A. team in Lawrence
next Saturday night. A large follow-
ing will accompany the local team to
the arrival city.

The Mystic Five aggregation will
probably open its season next Wednes-
day evening with a game out-of-town.
The amateur sport will be continued
at the Y.M.C.A. cage and no more rough-
house tactics will be tolerated by the
management. Offending players, whether
members of the visiting team or
representatives of the society will be
put out of the game at the slightest
sign of roughhouse tactics hereafter.
Wally Lyons, the old South End play-
er, should catch on with one of the
fast club teams. Lyons is an excep-
tionally good defensive man and he

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This design presents the up to date arrangement of living room, sun parlor and portico entrance. Above the sun parlor at the side is a sleeping porch or sun parlor, off from the front chamber. Off from the vestibule there is a coat closet, and off from the reception room there is a good sized toilet. The dining room is large, with a built in sideboard. Large pantry between the living room and dining room. In the second story there are four large chambers and bath. Maid's room in the attic, if desired. Size thirty-two feet wide by thirty feet deep, exclusive of all projections. First story nine feet high, second story eight feet, basement seven feet. Heights in the clear when finished. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, about \$4200.

one new bathroom will be placed on the third floor. The stairway will be covered with metal and made thoroughly fireproof in accordance with requirements of the state laws. Three thousands dollars is the estimated cost of the converting of the residence into a children's home and day nursery.

Jean P. Bernier has been granted a permit to erect a three apartment house at 87-89 West Sixth street. Each apartment will have five rooms and bath. The building will have a frontage of 24 feet and extend back 53 feet. The value of the proposed building is estimated at between \$2800 and \$4000.

The Lamson Co. is erecting a building for storage purposes in Walker street. It will be one story high, eighty feet long and twenty-four feet deep. There will be no basement, the building resting on concrete posts.

Harry L. Wheeler has purchased the building more commonly known as the Hood block at the corner of Westford

and Loring streets. It is understood that Mr. Wheeler purchased for invest-

ment. The property which was owned by C. I. Hood is a three story brick structure and is occupied by five stores and a number of tenements.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS
For the Week Ending Dec. 31,
LOWELL

Fred W. Wood et al. vs. Hiram Lett, land on Woodbrook avenue.
William E. Farrar to Patrick O'Hearn, land and buildings corner Tyler street and Massaway.
George J. Coburn to Guy F. Cockran, land on Stevens street.
Mary A. Rogers et al. to John F. Rogers, land on Montreal street.
John Hubbs et al. to Costas George et al., land and buildings corner Adams street and Massaway.
Cyrus W. Russell et al. to Isaac Bernstein, land and buildings corner Merrimack street and Suffolk streets.
Mary S. Russell, est., by admr., to Isaac Bernstein, land and buildings cor-

ner Merrimack and Suffolk streets.
Virgil Levy et al. to Alfred A. Jemery, land and buildings corner Lakewood avenue and Cambridge street.
Lowell Realty Co. by trs. to Charles S. Winslow, land on Bellevue street.
Guy F. Cochran et al. to Hormisdas Gervais, land and buildings on Victoria street.

BILLERICA
Michael F. Reilly et al. to Charles H. Dawes, land at Nuttings Lake Park.
Michael R. Connolly et al. to Frank Watson, land.
Michael R. Connolly et al. to Benjamin Hurder, land corner Cook road and Newhall street.
Aaron Adelman et al. to Minnie P. Gilechrist, land corner Adelman road and Manning street.
Lawrence A. Adington et al. to George J. Duffie, land.

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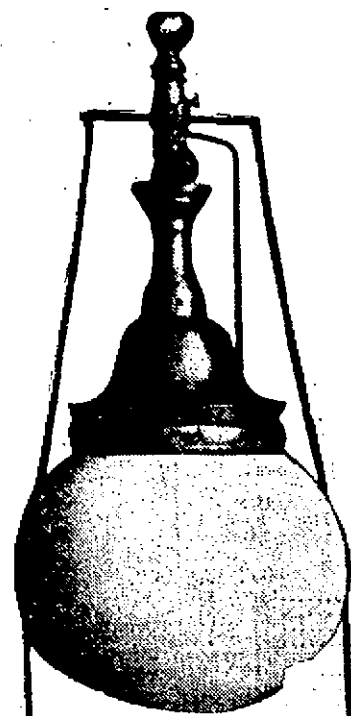
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SOUTH END CLUB

Annual Banquet With
Fine Program—Hon.
J. B. Casey's Address

The third annual New Year's eve banquet of the members and friends of the South End club held last evening at the Waverly hotel was one of the greatest successes ever attempted by the popular Gorbani street organization.

The festivities opened shortly before midnight with about 100 in attendance and from then on to the hour which marked the advent of the new year all united in making the spacious banquet hall the scene of one of the merriest gatherings in years.

The occasion was made as far as possible a club reunion. Many of the older members were present and good fellowship reigned supreme. Nearly all the speakers of the talent that contributed to the musical program were members or former members of the organization and they were given a royal South End greeting.

Lines were formed at about 11:30 o'clock and all marched to the banquet hall where a very tempting and substantial menu had been prepared by the hotel management.

After a selection on the piano by William Gilbride, Richard Barry, a member of the Emerson players now appearing in stock at the Opera House, was called upon. He first responded with a song, "Little Bit of Heaven Called Ireland," and then he told a number of witty stories which went decidedly big, for he was anchored there and again. His last number was an Irish sentimental selection.

Walter Davis, Edward "Tip" Hanley and Frank Ginty favored with songs and Mayor Murphy made a few brief remarks. The concluding speaker was Daniel J. Donahue, who spoke of the triumphs and disappointments of the past year and urged all to make good resolutions for the year 1916. "Help one another during the coming year," said Mr. Donahue, "and you will be doing your full duty to your organization and to yourselves."

The banquet ended with the assembly singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," William Carey, manager of the hotel, is to be congratulated on the arrangements for the delightful menu. Messrs. Walter Lyons, John Donnelly and Frank Corcoran had direct charge of the affair for the South End club and they are deserving of much praise

for their success of the affair.

After paying a glowing tribute to the club and the progressive spirit of its young men Mr. Casey said:

"Tonight as we reflect on the years that are past, memories pleasant and sad crowd upon us. Perhaps we have everything to be thankful for, and few things to regret. If so, we indeed are fortunate. It is a sad commentary upon human existence that no matter how much we may despair about our environment and situation in life, we may look around us and find some of our fellow men more unfortunate than ourselves. Years deal more kindly with some than with others. Every man, however, has his troubles, problems and worries, and yet many times we magnify in our mind what we consider unpleasant situations that confront us. I am reminded of a few lines I once read in a newspaper that to my mind contained much upon the philosophy of life. 'I am an old man, I have had many troubles in life, but the greater part of them never happened.' It is indeed true that we many times give unnecessary concern about matters that are possible of adjustment without the worry we subject ourselves to beforehand."

The year just closed has brought its share of happiness to many, and yet it has brought more than its share of misery, desolation and death. Fair fields and valleys, where in other years the sun looked down upon scenes of peace, happiness and contentment, have been bathed in the warm blood of fathers, husbands and sons. The New Year opens upon scenes of suffering and horror beyond description. We know that the chill air of autumn destroyed the flowers of summer, but we also know that these same flowers will again blossom forth with the return of another summer. But what about the flower of the manhood of nations? Deeply do we realize that the sturdy manhood of the nations is destroyed forever, and that it can never be restored. God grant that the New Year will see a cessation of needless strife and warfare. The old year has seen peace and order maintained in our own country, because a strong man at the helm has guided the ship of state safely through its perilous passage. May the New Year see our country the harbinger of peace and good will among the warring nations of the earth. With such hopes and desires do we welcome the New Year. Blessed indeed will be the New Year, if such things come to pass."

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STEAMER LOST IN STORM

THE MIGUEL BENILLURE WRECKED OFF SCILLY ISLANDS—CREW MISSING

MADRID, Dec. 31, via Paris.—News was received here today of the loss of the Scilly Islands of the steamer Miguel Benillure in a storm. There were 42 members of the crew.

No steamship of this name is given in maritime reports.

THE CINCINNATI club to part with the services of Heine Groh, star second-sacker, Joe would turn over all the surplus players on his list for that same Heine.

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STEAMER LOST IN STORM

THE MIGUEL BENILLURE WRECKED OFF SCILLY ISLANDS—CREW MISSING

MADRID, Dec. 31, via Paris.—News was received here today of the loss of the Scilly Islands of the steamer Miguel Benillure in a storm. There were 42 members of the crew.

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CITY HALL NEWS

Continued

buildings, 53; estimated valuations, \$378,360; total number of permits issued, 732; total estimated valuations as shown by permits, \$1,231,310.

For 1914—Total number of building permits, 732; estimated valuations, \$524,425; permits for alterations, wooden buildings, 311; brick and fireproof, 55; total valuation, \$249,089. Total permits issued, 633. Total estimated value, \$773,514.

More Infant Deaths

Notwithstanding the fact that thousands of dollars are being spent for the purpose of instructing mothers in the care of infants, the total number of deaths of children under one year was greater in 1915 than in 1914, the total number for 1915 being 453 as against 427 for 1914. The board of health and the Lowell Guild have tried hard to educate mothers relative to the care of babies, through cards and other literature. The district nurses have also been busy in educating the mothers, but despite all this the number of deaths are increasing. As soon as the report of a birth reaches the board of health office a card containing information concerning the care of babies, and the proper food for them, is sent to the home, and while the board of health regrets exceedingly the increase in the number of deaths, it feels that it has done its full duty.

Contagious Diseases

The total number of deaths for the year 1915 was 1515 and the number of deaths of children under one year was 453, so that the number of deaths of infants represented more than 25 per cent of the total. The total number of deaths for the year 1914 was 1768, or 47 less than in 1915, and the average death rate for 1915 was 17.05 as compared with 16.63 for 1914.

The total number of contagious disease cases reported at the board of health office for the years 1914 and 1915 was as follows:

	1914	1915
Diphtheria	73	127
Scarlet fever	73	127
Typhoid fever	85	112
Membranous croup	7	8
Measles	531	164
Infantile paralysis	12	19
Tuberculosis	163	212
Cerebro spinal meningitis	13	6

The total number of deaths from contagious diseases was as follows:

	1914	1915
Diphtheria	24	21
Scarlet fever	24	0
Typhoid fever	11	18
Membranous croup	2	0
Measles	7	0
Cerebro spinal meningitis	10	8
Infantile paralysis	3	3
Tuberculosis	128	131

Bacteriological Department

The number of cultures examined by Dr. T. B. Smith, the bacteriologist, was 1167 as against 920 in 1914. The total number of examinations for typhoid fever was 442 in 1915 as against 394 in 1914, and there were 621 examinations of sputum in 1915 as against 445 in 1914.

Peddlers of Confectionery

Warren P. Riordan, sealer of weights and measures, is in receipt of a communication from Thure Hanson, state commissioner, relative to the licensing of peddlers of confectionery in which it is stated that all persons going from State to State within the limits must have a special city license, and if selling or exposing for sale confectionery outside the city he must have a special state license, and this applies to wholesalers as well as retailers. The city license costs \$26 and the state \$50.

The Inaugural Exercises

The following is a copy of the official program for the inaugural exercises on Monday:

His Honor, the mayor, the mayor-elect and aldermen, Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe, O.M.I., and Judge Enright will assemble in the reception room and from there will march to the aldermanic chamber.

Mayor Murphy will call the meeting to order and the city clerk will call the roll for 1915.

Immediately Judge Enright will administer the oath of office to the mayor-elect and the aldermen-elect.

After the oath of office has been given, Mayor Murphy and the mayor-elect will change seats.

Rev. Lawrence J. Tighe will then offer prayer. The mayor-elect, and mayor in fact will then deliver his inaugural address.

Then the municipal council may take a recess to such a time as they shall designate.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

HEARING ON JAN. 11

SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR ARGUMENTS ON MANDAMUS PETITION IN DUMMER ST. MATTER

Lawyer O'Connor has been notified that there will be a hearing before a justice of the supreme court Boston on Tuesday, January 11 on the petition for a writ of mandamus in the Dummer street extension proceedings.

EIGHT NEPHEWS IN WAR

John T. Whitaker, keeper at the police station, has eight nephews engaged in the European war, and he is in receipt of a letter from his sister, Mrs. Mary Watson of Nottingham, Eng., in which it is stated that four boys of Mrs. Watson went to the front. Three have returned home injured, and the fourth has not been heard from for some time. Mrs. Watson, who is married to a soldier, has also two sons each in the British army.

Mrs. Watson in her letter to her Lowell sister states that practically all the women of England are kept busy sewing for the soldiers. The women also, from morning till night, and in this manner greatly help in keeping the soldiers well clothed.

HENRY JAMES, AUTHOR, HONORED

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The announcement that King George is conferring the year's honors has bestowed the decoration of the Order of Merit on Henry James, the author, who renounced his American citizenship last July and became a British subject, recalls the fact that there are but eleven civilian members of this order. Among these are Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Viscount Bryce, Thomas Hardy, the novelist; Sir George Trevelyan and Viscount Haldane. The order was instituted, as a mark of special distinction for naval or military service or for work in art, literature and science.

A HEAVY EARTHQUAKE

RECORDED ON SEISMOGRAPHS OF THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A heavy earthquake was being recorded on the seismographs of Georgetown university this morning. They were first noted at 9:16 a. m., and were continuing at 10 o'clock. Until the movement has subsided the observers were unable to give more definite data. Father Francis A. Tondori, seismological director, said the shocks were the heaviest recorded in some time.

At 11 o'clock the vibrations were continuing violently. It was impossible to determine the direction from which the tremors came.

McCORMACK IN OPERA

Tenor Returns After Two Years to the Stage For the Chicago Opera Company With Geraldine Farrar

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Chicago Opera company brought John McCormack, the tenor, back to the operatic stage last night after an absence of two years. McCormack appeared in "La Boheme" with Geraldine Farrar.

Five years ago, when Mr. McCormack was with the Chicago Opera company, he received \$25 a performance. Last night he received \$2000. The box office sales showed the house last night to be the biggest in the history of the Chicago Opera company.

HUNTED FOR WILKES BOOTH

Thomas Donahue, Who Died in Lawrence, Was in Possession Which Searched For Lincoln's Assassin

LAWRENCE, Jan. 1.—Thomas Donahue, a native of Ireland and a Civil war veteran, died Thursday at his home, 46 Trenton street. His first enlistment was in the 10th New York Volunteers and his record in the Veteran Reserve Corps at Washington, D. C.

He was wounded in the arm at Malvern Hill. He was a member of one of the posses engaged in hunting for John Wilkes Booth after the shooting of President Lincoln. After the war Mr. Donahue came to this city. He was a member of Needham Post 38, G.A.R.; St. Mary's Holy Name society and the Fr. Matthew C.T.A.B. society. He is survived by a wife.

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SUN LATEST

SINKING OF THE PERSIA

OWNERS ANNOUNCE LINER LEFT LONDON DEC. 15—FOUR BOATS GOT AWAY

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Peninsular & Oriental Steamship company stated officially this afternoon that the Persia had left London Dec. 15 and Marseilles Dec. 26, carrying British mails bound for Bombay and that she was sunk off the island of Crete. Only four boats got away from the ship. These boats were picked up by a steamer, bound for Alexandria and the survivors were expected there this morning.

The names of the passengers saved have not yet been received. They will be published as soon as possible. The company's statement is that the loss of the Persia was a heavy blow.

Charles Grant of this city, a passenger on the Persia, left here in November for Calcutta, where he expected to establish an agency for the New England Vacuum Oil company, by which he was employed. He was 30 years of age. No report had been received by his firm today as to whether he had escaped when the Persia was sunk.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Lord Montagu was proceeding to India to assume the post of inspector of mechanical transport vehicles. He appeared in the list of New Year honours, being given the Order of the Star of India for services in connection with the war. Officials of the Peninsular & Oriental Steamship company announced today that the Persia carried no war material.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Sixty-one first class passengers and \$3 second cabin passengers including eight children, boarded the steamer Persia at London, according to information obtained at the Peninsular & Oriental line. At Marseilles 35 of the first class and 32 of the second cabin boarded the boat. The company estimates that after deducting the number of passengers leaving the ship at her various ports of call, about 100 persons were on board when the vessel was sunk.

Every effort is being made by Consul General Skinner to get some information about Robert McNeely, the American consul at Aden, and the two other Americans known to be on the passenger list. The British admiralty informed Mr. Skinner it had no information with regard to the fate of the individual passengers. Mr. Skinner sent a cablegram to the American consulate at Alexandria requesting the consul to ascertain the fate of Consul McNeely and the other Americans.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The officers on board the Persia, it is learned, were looked as ordinary passengers and were not in active service in the British army.

The crew of the Persia numbered between 250 and 300 men. They were virtually all sailors. There was not much cargo aboard the Persia but she was carrying very heavy mail.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

BERLIN, Jan. 1, via London.—The article in the Neue Zuercher Zeitung purporting to give Germany's peace conditions, a summary of which was circulated by the Wolff bureau among the German newspapers Dec. 26 at Frankfurt, was expected, general attention among the German public.

No unified current of comment is discernible in the leading articles of the German newspapers whose attitude is dictated largely by devotion to the various schools of thought which advocate large or moderate annexations of territory at peace.

The Berliner Tageblatt reiterates the Wolff bureau's disclaimer of official inspiration adding that the personage who reproduced in the article more or less correctly and completely ideas that he had heard in supposedly well informed German circles undoubtedly thought of the article as the cause of peace by publishing them.

The newspapers, both in Berlin and in the provinces, including such important organs as the Kopenische Zeitung, the Frankfurter Zeitung, the Hamburger Nachrichten and the Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung all make a feature of the article, printing it prominently. The journals, however, are slow to embark upon comment, probably waiting to see how it affects the public fancy and possibly out of deference to the long standing government injunction against discussion of the aims of the war.

FRENCH WAR REPORT

PARIS, Dec. 31, 10.30 p. m.—(Delayed in Transmission)—The French war office tonight gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities reading as follows:

"In Belgium our batteries have been successful in their bombardment of the first and second line trenches of the enemy, as well as of the railroad opposite Boeschepe."

"In the region of Roye, at Verrillieres a successful shot from a French cannon inflicted serious damage on a munition depot."

"To the north of the Aisne we have demolished a German work to the west of Soupir. On the heights of the Meuse there has been an effective cannonading against the trenches and the blockhouses of the enemy in the forest Des Chevaliers."

"In the Vosges, after a violent preparatory fire on the part of our artillery the enemy directed against our positions in the region of Hirzstein an infantry attack which was, however, completely repulsed."

The following Belgian communication has been given out:

"The country near Dixmude was subjected to a sustained bombardment in which both sides took part. The Belgian artillery was very effective, particularly in its fire against numerous groups of enemy workmen engaged in the repairing of field works destroyed by recent floods."

"Concerning the operations in the Orient the French war office says:

"During the day of December 30 aviators threw down bombs on Saloniki. One of these missiles, aimed at a Greek detachment which was maneuvering before Prince Armand, killed a shepherd at a distance of 50 yards. The material damages were insignificant."

"The expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, on Dec. 30, following a violent bombardment on the part of our heavy artillery the Turkish batteries on the Asiatic side of the straits perpetrating less than their share. Several officers of artillery of the enemy were damaged and a depot of ammunition was blown up."

THE ANCONA NOTE

Paris Paper Calls it a Back Down Made With Bad Grace

PARIS, Dec. 31 (Delayed)—Great interest is shown here in the Austrian reply to the American note. La Liberte characterizes Austria's answer as "a backdown which is veiled and is made with bad grace." It asserts the Austrian answer is a "backdown" which is veiled and is made with bad grace.

"The accusations made against the crew of the Ancona are infamous," the newspaper continues. "and the allies will not hesitate to protest. Washington alone will be able to judge what its dignity demands, but it is confronted with a response which is dilatory and insufficient."

LONDON PAPERS' COMMENT

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The London papers in their comment on the full text of the latest note from Austria-Hungary to the United States regarding the sinking of the steamer Ancona, but all publish the summary received yesterday, with headlines in which the words "evasion" and "repatriation" are the most prominent.

The Daily News in its editorial remarks on the difference in the tone of this note from the "evasion and ill-concealed insolence" of the first note from Baron Lurien, Austro-Hungarian secretary of foreign affairs, and adds:

"Striped of superfluous verbiage, the note signifies to all intents and purposes an unconditional capitulation. The approved Teutonic procedure—bravado followed by unreserved surrender—is thus scrupulously followed."

The News thinks it needless to comment in detail in view of the probable acceptance by the United States of the explanation, but says it is idle to pretend that the general question at issue is now set at rest since torpedoes without notice still continue.

The other papers in remarks attached to the note indicate their irritation at what they characterize as the ungracious character of the Austrian surrender. The Chronicle says:

"Even Austria's own version of the outrage shows the cold bloodedness with which the wholesale murder was committed."

The Morning Post says the loss of life was due to the culpability of the crew."

NO COMMENT IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 31, via London, Jan. 1.—The newspapers here held the Austro-Hungarian reply to the overtures of the United States concerning the sinking of the steamer Ancona, too delicate a ground to permit of comment. They are undoubtedly influenced in this attitude by a certain desire of the German government to see the incident smoothed over by negotiations, avoiding complicated comment which would be apt to stir up ill feeling.

ENGLAND'S WAR FINANCE

Exchequer Bonds Made Available to Small Investors—Minimum Amount Formerly 1000 Pounds

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Another step in Great Britain's war finance has been taken by making exchequer bonds available to small investors. Hitherto these bonds have only been issued at the minimum amount of 1000, suitable for bankers and financiers.

TURKISH WAR REPORT

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 1, via Amsterdam and London.—An official statement given out today by the Turkish war department says:

"Dardanelles front: Near Seddul Bahr on the night of Dec. 29-30, and in the morning there was a violent rifle fire as well as bomb fighting. On Dec. 30, there was violent fighting particularly in the region of the right wing, center and part of left wing. Two cruisers and one monitor took part in the battle on land. Our artillery caused heavy damage to the enemy trenches and camps near Seddul Bahr."

"On the night of Dec. 30-31, our batteries successfully bombarded the landing places near Seddul Bahr and Teke Burnu. One of our aeroplanes successfully dropped bombs on a hostile camp near Seddul Bahr, and on a transport. Other aeroplanes dropped bombs on the armed ship Switzer."

The Switzer is a British battleship of 11,800 tons displacement. She was formerly the Constitution and was bought from Chile in 1903.

PROMINENT MEN ON BOARD

LONDON, Jan. 1, 2 p. m.—Next to the Lusitania disaster, the sinking of the Persia, P. & O. liner Persia probably means a considerably heavier casualty list than that of any passenger-carrying ships that heretofore have fallen victims to the torpedoes of German or Austrian submarines. This deduction is based on the reports that the vessel carried several hundred passengers and crew that only four life boats got away from the vessel as she went down.

The Peninsular & Oriental Steamship office will issue a list of the actual passengers as soon as possible. At present only partial bookings are available. These show that among those on board was Col. Baron Montagu of Mancroft, who is known in America. Lord Montagu was born in 1866. He was prominent in athletics and has traveled extensively, visiting the United States, Japan, China, India and Egypt. He was interested in railway and transport problems.

The scene of the catastrophe is between the island of Crete and Alexandria which has recently been the graveyard of a number of fine ships, and only a few weeks ago the American tank steamer Petrolite narrowly escaped the guns of a submarine.

The Persia was the first passenger ship lost by the Peninsular & Oriental line during the war. Just prior to the sinking of the vessel from London material damages were insignificant.

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TAKES SHIP IN TOW

STEAMER ON WAY TO NEW YORK WITH DISABLED THESSALONIKI

SALONIKI

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—A message from an unidentified steamer, picked up by the radio station here early today, stated that she had taken the disabled steamer Thessaloniki in tow and was proceeding to New York. Because of weather conditions the name of the vessel and her position could not be learned.

The message said that the Thessaloniki was short of "steaming water" which indicated serious engine trouble. The weather along the coast was thick and the radio station had great difficulty in reading the message. The coast guard cutter Seneca had reported during the night that she was still trying to locate the Thessaloniki, but had been unable to get in touch with her.

The steamer Florizel has been searching for the disabled vessel since early yesterday but it was not known here whether she was the vessel which reported that she had reached the Thessaloniki. The radio station continued its efforts to get further advice and to learn the identity of the steamer from which the message was sent.

STEAMER LOCATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—A wireless message received today from the coast guard cutter Seneca states that the Greek steamer Thessaloniki has been located at 33.46 north, 67.11 west.

Another Greek liner, the Titler, is standing by the vessel. The Thessaloniki is said to be in no danger and is slowly making her way to New York.

The position given in the wireless message places the Thessaloniki about 500 miles east of New York.

FOUR BROTHERS KILLED

TILTON, N. H., Jan. 1.—Baron A. E. von Riegers of Boston, a decorator who is here in charge of work upon the new Tilton bank building, mourns the loss of four brothers killed while fighting in the German army since the beginning of the war. One of the brothers' left arm was blown off.

The brothers, he says, have left 13 children, the oldest being 9 years.

The baron had been in the army previous to coming to America ten years ago and was a lieutenant. He was in Serbia during a part of the Boer war as a correspondent and artist for a German newspaper.

RUSSIAN WAR REPORT

PETROGRAD, Dec. 31, via London, Jan. 1.—The Russian war office tonight gave out the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities.

"On the western (Russian) front southeast of Zuyev during the night we saw hand grenades into the enemy trenches. The attacking troops returned without loss. On the front in the Dvinsk region there were skirmishes in the sector of the Ponerzh river. In the Pripet region the situation is unchanged. South of Pripet there have been desperate engagements in several places."

"On the Caucasian front, attempts by the Turks to cross the river Arkhava, south of Khopa, were stopped easily. Our fire stopped Turks from constructing fortification works in the region of Ardost."

"In Persia in the region east of Ouchbure south of Urmia there have been engagements with Kurds supported by Turkish infantry. In the region of the village of Sirkan, south of Hamaden, we exchanged rifle fire with Persian gendarmes who have taken sides with our enemies."

MORTALITY OF LOWELL

For the week ending January 1, 1915. Population, 106,294; total deaths, 33; deaths under five, 5; infectious diseases, 2; acute lung diseases, 5; tuberculosis, 3. Death rate for the week ending January 1, 1915, 16.14 against 14.95 and 16.63 for previous 2 weeks. Infectious diseases reported for the week ending Jan. 1, 1915, diphtheria, 5; scarlet fever, 3; measles, 1; tuberculosis, 4.

REPORT OF DEATHS

For the Week Ending Jan. 1, 1915

21—Elizabeth O. Worden, 53, ac. fail. 22—Sofias M. Nantjes, 22, pulm. tuberculosis. 23—James Jordan, 69, Oedema of brain. 24—Nelle E. Osgood, 71, cer. hemorrhage. 25—Albert Gervais, 3, ac. bright's disease. 26—Emil Gareszago, 14d, gastro-enteritis. 27—Catherine McDonald, 60, mit. regurgitation. 28—Timothy P. Sullivan, 48, pulm. tuberculosis. 29—Mary Murphy, 65, arterio-sclerosis. 30—Harry Josie, 10m, lob. pneumonia. 31—Maria Pereira, 28, prem. birth. 32—Pelissos, 1m1n, prem. birth. 33—Georgette Contakou, 27, suicide by poison.

34—Frank Trull, 55, intest. obstruction. 35—Michael Downey, 26, cardio-renal disease. 36—Rita C. O'Connell, 5m, broncho-pneumonia. 37—Prontslaw Balkun, 3m, con. debility. 38—Bridget Garvey, 37, endocarditis. 39—Nelle P. Leighton, 42, disease of the heart. 40—Catherine German, 53, cap. bronchitis. 41—Maurice Fitzgerald, 47, pulm. tuberculosis. 42—Mary Galen, 74, arterio-sclerosis. 43—Patrick Cusick, 65, mit. regurgitation. 44—Elisabelle Lanoue, 6, gen. peritonitis. 45—James McKenna, 47, atrophic cirrhosis. 46—James C. Coughlin, 3, lob. pneumonia. 47—John E. Brown, 76, cer. hemorrhage. 48—Mary Sabourin, 54, cancer of breast. 49—Kate Connolly, 62, emphysema. 50—Catherine Brown, 87, cer. hemorrhage. 51—Joseph Joice, 2, ac. bronchitis. 52—Margaret Dorie, 50, cer. hemorrhage. 53—Mary T. Belanger, 1m, enteritis. 54—Joseph Grenier, 10m1n, atelectasis of lungs. 55—Lizzie Clifford, 62, arterio-sclerosis. 56—Stephen Fynn, City Clerk.

MANY SPORT MEETINGS

THIS YEAR WILL HAVE ITS INTER-SECTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—While the European war has killed all chances of international sports competition on the scale of the Olympic games and the America's cup regatta, this year will not be without its intercollegiate and international contests. In fact the indications point to a wider range of sport meetings during 1916 than ever before in the history of amateur competition in this country.

National championship contests are expected to draw entrants from all parts of the continent and with the interest of all sections bound up in the play of their respective contestants the death of international sports, planned for 1915, will be partially forgotten. The Pacific coast will send a powerful and well-balanced tennis team to eastern courts for several months of tournament play. Stanford University will enter a team in the intercollegiate track and field championships and the winning crew in the far coast intercollegiate regatta will row at Poughkeepsie.

An eastern polo team will play in the middle and far west while one or more from these sections will compete in the national championship later in the summer. With the coming of autumn intercollegiate football games will be more frequent than ever, the south, east, middle and far west eleven meeting in numerous gridiron contests. The outlook for international meets is not so promising although there will be some events along these lines. The summer, 1916, will be partially forgotten. The Pacific coast will send a powerful and well-balanced tennis team to eastern courts for several months of tournament play. Stanford University will enter a team in the intercollegiate track and field championships and the winning crew in the far coast intercollegiate regatta will row at Poughkeepsie.

English war consors work just as carefully with blue pencils and shears on American sporting matter cabled to Europe, as they do on news of far greater importance. The score of the Harvard-Yale football game was held up for more than twelve hours, much to the disappointment of Harvard alumni who had gathered to dine and celebrate the forecasted victory. The score of the recent six-day bicycle race was received with the daily records of the teams eliminated to a point where it was impossible for English sporting editors to make head or tail out of what was left. Results of boxing bouts in Australia are made public from one to two days late, so that the sportsman at home has little advantage over his brother in the trenches.

Shorter training trips and fewer ex-

hibition games are predicted for the big league baseball teams during the coming spring campaign of preparedness.

Wisconsin tennis authorities have decided to stage a state championship tournament open only to players who are residents of that state. The state will be divided into sections and each club asked to hold a tournament to decide the club champion. These title-holders will, in turn, meet in a series of sectional matches and when the dust has been reduced to a winner in each section, such survivors will meet in a round-robin series for the state title. Pot hunters from other states will have to confine their activities to such invitation tournaments as offer prizes in keeping with their ideas of their own drawing powers.

No date has as yet been fixed for the annual meeting of the football rules committee but it is expected that the conference of the gridiron solons will be held in New York City early in February. No radical changes are planned in the playing code and the entire work of the committee is likely to be completed in one afternoon and evening session.

ON THE ALLEYS

There were five good games played in the Lawrence Mfg. league last night. Although none of the scores were very high, the games were well contested and each team had a good following of rooters with their cheers. The Yarn Dept. had little difficulty in taking all four points from the Hose Knit while the Hose Knit and Shirt Knit split even. The Boarding Room quintet white-washed the Dye House aggregation and the Web Knit did likewise to the Wetting Room. The game between the Shipping Dept. and Iron Shop resulted in the latter team winning three of the four points. The Americans and Nationals of the Kimball System league clashed the former team taking all but one point. In Carr's league the Old Guards swamped the Finish Shell. The scores:

LAWRENCE MFG. LEAGUE
HOSE FINISH—Penaault, 271; Kerr, 267; Geoffrey, 268; Martin, 266; Akers, 256; Totals, 1356.
YARN DEPT.—Booth, 264; Peacock, 314; Magoon, 315; Trudel, 257; Green, 252; Totals, 1461.
HOSE KNIT—Sewell, 250; Senior, 255; Lavatree, 289; Mayo, 270; Hague, 298; Totals, 1372.
SHIRT FINISH—Champagne, 315; Carpenter, 261; Pellon, 266; Morel, 264; Lacombe, 274; Totals, 1333.
BOARDING ROOM—Watson, 213; Fernald, 235; Louselle, 263; Geoffrey, 280; Bourque, 270. Totals, 1348.
WEB KNIT—Schonborn, 273; Bell, 268; Couture, 270; Guilbault, 275; Desrosiers, 316. Totals, 1416.
WETTING ROOM—Loiselle, 274, La-

contain, 247; Mackley, 262; Masse, 269; Sulz, 262. Totals, 1335.
SHIPPING DEPT.—Hunt, 257; Butterfield, 263; Clay, 270; Levey, 247; Sub, 245. Totals, 1282.
IRON SHOP—Riley, 256; Kelsey, 229; Quinn, 272; McPherson, 250; Cummings, 259. Totals, 1336.
Kimball System League
AMERICANS—Kinnikals, 253; Riley, 255; Mahoney, 297; Hogg, 256; Harmon, 260. Totals, 1323.
NATIONALS—Smith, 256; Gates, 276; Hogg, 251; Miller, 250; Doolley, 256. Totals, 1359.
Carr's League
OLD GUARDS—Belanger, 297; Mitchell, 257; Dukey, 253; O'Connell, 297; Murphy, 274. Totals, 1418.
FINISH SHELL—Bradley, 255; Reynolds, 292; Figueira, 261; Gray, 254; Dery, 242. Totals, 1334.

BIG FOOTBALL GAME
PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—Football eleven of Brown university and the Washington State college are in splendid condition today for the football game which is to be one of the principal events of the new year tournament of the Festival of Roses. The weather is ideal for the contest.

Brown is said to have five opponents five pounds to the man. It was thought the eastern team would resort to line smashes and forward passes to make gains while Washington was expected to rely on open play.

STAGH AFTER THE INDIANS

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—If Cleveland bankers will set a reasonable price on the American league baseball club, J. Garland (Jack) Stahl, will have controlling interest in the Indians next summer. With him will probably be associated Robert McRoy former secretary of the American league and at one time part owner of the Boston American league club.

That Stahl, who as manager of the Washington and Boston teams achieved fame on the diamond, is willing to "cash out," was made known today. He has considered the offer of his associates for the rest he has already been assured backing, but the price must be "right."

AMUSEMENT NOTES

OPERA HOUSE
Today is the last appearance of the theatrogoers of Lowell to see "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," that wonderful rural play which has been packing the Opera House to the very doors all the week. There is a big demand for seats for the attraction and patrons who are wise will make their reservations early to avoid disappointment. Reservations will be made by phoning 261.
Next week, the Emerson Players will present to the much heralded success, "Kick In," a melodrama with a punch and thrill by Willard Mack and which comes to the Opera House, direct from a sold out run at the Metropolitan theatre in New York City. This is the first time the play is offered in Lowell which is a signal honor as the attraction has not even played Boston or other larger eastern cities. No play has ever been produced with so peculiar a title and yet, when one has seen the play, he is ready to admit that no other title would do it.
The words "Kick In" occur only once during the dialogue, but when they come as a climax to such a stirring scene then their fitness as a title is instantly realized. Indeed it is one of the most thrilling scenes ever seen in any play when these two words are uttered by the hero, Chick Hayes, when he hurries the command at his cringing brother-in-law, a dope fiend, who has in his possession a \$20,000 diamond necklace, which the police are searching the town.
Chick has commanded the boy to hand over all his morphine. The boy complies. Not sure that the youngster has turned over all the white powder, Chick determines to search him. The dope fiend, realizing that Chick's search would reveal the necklace drops on his knees and begs for mercy which he had refused to strike Chick.
"Kick In" cries Chick, holding out his hand and the boy slowly draws the \$20,000 string of pearls from his breast and gives them up.
Herbert Hayes, who has been especially engaged for this attraction will appear as Chick Hayes, a character which he has played throughout the country with great success while Ann O'Day will be seen as Molly. Mr. Hayes is a wonderful actor, young and ideal one of the best dressed leading men on the stage. All the favorites will appear in the cast and a wonderful production will be offered.
Sunday afternoon and night, the Opera House will offer a splendid program of vaudeville and picture features and as a special attraction the Opera House concert orchestra, which will be heard for the first time with the vaudeville and the best Sunday entertainment in years will be offered. There features start at 2:15 while the evening performance starts at 7:30.
Dean, Moran and Dean in a classy singing and talking act is the most popular on the program and this act alone will prove the greatest hit ever scored in Lowell. Helen Annette is a delightful songbird who sings the best songs hits and is noted for the wonderful double voice which she possesses. Andrew and Ashley, a boy and a girl, in song and chatter have some of the best songs in the city and a riot of delightful gems. The Fishers have a dandy singing and comedy talking act, while Haliday and Osborne is a comedy act that has taken audiences by storm. It is all the big act of the country. It is a great act.
Secure seats early and as many who can should arrange to attend the performance as there will be many turned away in the evening. There are five brand new acts, all top notches and as many reels of the best comedy and dramatic subjects in pictures. Phone 251.

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

The specially underlined feature at the B. F. Keith theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening, will be the Roberto Tanni and Marie Four, a recently formed musical organization which has proven a real success wherever it has appeared. Manager Pickett is wonderfully fortunate in being able to secure the services of such excellent singers. Among the numbers which will be given are: Sextet from "Lacini," "Ah, No Pure" from "Martha" and the old ballad, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie." This number should prove to be a great drawing card for the big Sunday shows. Stanley and Lambert, classic entertainers, are in second place on the Sunday bill and F. Barrett Carmen will give an act devoted to song and song. The Barrett Brothers are instrumentalists of note, who will interlard singing and comedy with their work. Inness and Ryan, who have been one of the big features of the present week's bill, will be seen in new fun and music. And Lady Sam Mel, the Chinese songstress, will give a new repertoire of songs. In addition there will be six reels of brand new motion pictures. This is a bouncing big bill and it will, undoubtedly, draw big audiences.

The College Inn Sextet, who have only recently been one of the big attractions with Elsie Janis in "Miss Information," and prior to that, were the big show headed by Bessie Clayton, the international dancer, will feature next week's classy revue of vaudeville acts. The six men are quite in a class by themselves, and their musical numbers will rouse audiences to a high pitch of fervor. They play two songs, two banjos, a piano and drum, and what they give is the very latest of songs and instrumental stuff.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Frank Jakewicz, of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, without bond to said heirs-at-law.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of January, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
If you fail to appear, the court is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said court.
Witness, Charles J. Rogers, Esq., Justice of the said court, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.
W. E. ROGERS, Register. J1-8-15

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THE SPELLBINDER

Human nature is the same in politics as in the rest of the world and hence it is not surprising to find the men who two years ago threw up their hands in holy horror because their predecessors raised salaries and appointed additional police officers at the close of the year, doing exactly the same thing as they are leaving office. And human nature extends to the newspapers, for the critics who two years ago wrote columns in criticism of the action of the retiring government in raising salaries and appointing police officers, haven't a word to say at this time.

But it surely does seem strange that while the superintending police officers already on the police force, have been getting only one and two days' work in a week, for nearly a year, and while certain routes have been left open for a long time, at the very last moment of the present administration three additional police officers are appointed. Some of the men appointed at the close of 1915 have had but a few days' work as police officers since their appointment two years ago, and yet this administration which couldn't find any work for the superintendents to do for a whole year suddenly awakens to the necessity of appointing three more members of the department.

The street railway men are rather disappointed that none of their candidates found favor with Mayor Murphy. Within a few weeks after the publication of an advertisement criticizing the former mayor for certain alleged acts during the closing hours of his administration Mayor Murphy does exactly what he condemned his predecessors for doing. Within a few weeks Mayor Murphy raised salaries of subordinates and at Friday's meeting of the municipal council voted under certain restrictions to raise the salaries of other heads of departments, and at the very last moment he appointed three police officers, thereby doing what in his advertisement he condemned in the following language: "Increasing the current expenses of the city and appointing new city officials just before retiring from office."

The Leave-Over Administration

The administration which goes out of office on Monday earned two titles by which it may be recalled in the future. For two years it went along as the "do-nothing" administration, but the close of its term gives it the additional title of the "leave-over" government, for everything of importance that has come up before it with the exception of the increasing of certain salaries has been left over for the incoming government to take up.

That old temporary loan that was to be taken care of has been left over. The high school, the bridge, the hospital and summer street are very much left over.

Nine months ago a fire occurred in the Memorial building and practically the same state of chaos exists at the Memorial building today as existed the day after the fire. No repairs have been completed and there's no head or tail to conditions there. It has all been left over.

When the administration of 1912-1913 went out of office it left money behind for the building of deposit vaults in city hall as required by law. The vaults have been left over, for two whole years, and will be put in by the incoming government.

Some time ago a contract for gas lighting expired and the making of a new contract has been left over. Considerable discussion has been had relative to the redecoration of the Memorial building, but the matter was simply discussed and then left over.

The disposal of the buildings in Kirk and Anne streets has also been left over. In striking contrast to the general spirit of procrastination and uncertainty of this administration relative to important business matters was its great haste to increase salaries at the closing hour of its existence. The reason perhaps is explained by section 50 of the charter which reads as follows:

"Sec. 50: The municipal council shall establish by ordinance the salary or compensation of every appointive officer; but after the first municipal year succeeding the acceptance of this act no ordinance changing any such salary or compensation shall have effect until the municipal year succeeding that in which the ordinance is passed."

This administration after allowing the matter of raising these salaries to go by until the last moment finally changed the ordinance at the final meeting. Their action complies with the letter of the charter, but how about the spirit?

The Inaugural
As the public has been invited to the inaugural exercises on the first come first served principle, undoubtedly there will be a large gathering at city hall. Inaugurations under the present charter have ceased to be the big and formal occasions of days gone, and it's just as well. Mayor-elect O'Donnell's inaugural address will be brief but

pointed. He will give his views on certain important matters that must come before the government together with a few suggestions on matters that have not come up for discussion. The mayor-elect intends from time to time to discuss the different matters of public interest that may arise, with the commissions and heads of departments, with a view to giving the public complete knowledge of the deliberations and plans of the government on all matters affecting the general welfare of the city. He is firmly opposed to the practice of discussing public matters in private or secret meetings.

THE SPELLBINDER.

BIG FIRE IN LUMBER YARD

Continued

the general alarm and the large volumes of smoke. At this time the blaze was inside the building and could not be seen from distant parts of the city. Police officers also responded to the general alarm in large numbers and were on hand keeping the crowd back so as not to interfere with the work of the department.

Streams Had Little Effect

Despite the fact that traveling the fire apparatus arrived promptly and line after line of hose was turned on the onslaught of flames. No immediate result was attained, however, for while the firemen were pouring tons of water into the building the flames continued to shoot up at various points even under the point of the streams. Besides raging in the brick building, which is more than 100 feet long, the fire communicated to the frame building on the corner and did damage on the second story over the office of Pratt & Forrest. Rubber blankets were placed over the furniture and book cases in the lumber office thereby lessening the damage by water to a great extent.

Fought From All Sides

The firemen fought the flames from all sides. In the rear of the building hose was lined down an avenue separating the Brooks property from a stone building owned by A. B. Woodworth. More hose was also laid down another alley and from these two places the streams were poured into the building. It was on Dutton street facing the railroad tracks that the most spectacular work of the firemen was done. The street in front of the building was filled with firemen pouring streams through the windows and doors. As one looked down the street he saw various groups of firemen directing the streams at the front of the burning building. Ladders were placed against the building and from these the firemen poured their streams.

Over two miles of hose were put into use, all that is carried by the 12 hose companies. The Morse gun attached to Engine No. 6's wagon on Fletcher street was conspicuous in fighting the fire, the stream appearing to have much more pressure than the others.

Worked All Night

The fire apparatus remained on the scene practically all night. Engines 4 and 5 were stationed on the canal bridge on Fletcher street, pumping water from the canal. Engine No. 6 was at Fletcher and Adams streets and Engine No. 1 was at Fletcher and Dutton streets. Engine No. 2 remained at the corner of Fletcher and Adams streets. About 10 o'clock, when the blaze was placed under control, the Centralville apparatus was sent home but the rest remained on the scene all night.

Between the brick building where the fire raged and the building occupied by the Merrimack Laundry Co. is a strong fire wall which practically cuts the buildings in two. At the other end of the building, next to the frame structure at the corner of Fletcher and Dutton streets, is another fire wall. Between these walls the flames roared throughout the night. Everything in the building from the cellar to the attic was ruined, most of which consisted of woodwork machinery of various concerns. The fire walls prevented the flames from spreading.

The exact origin of the fire could not be stated this morning. It is generally believed, however, that it started

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—The following note, dated Dec. 29, in answer to the American government's demands concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona by an Austrian submarine, has been delivered to Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador:

"In answer to your very esteemed note No. 4307, of the 21st instant, the subscriber has the honor to lay the following most respectfully before his excellency, the ambassador of the United States of America, Frederick Courland Penfield: "The imperial and royal government agrees thoroughly with the American cabinet that the sacred commandments of humanity must be observed also in war. Just as it has hitherto given at no time and to no person occasion to doubt its respect for these commandments, in like manner also in the whole course of this war, which presents such pictures of confusion of moral conception, has it given numerous proofs of humanitarian sentiments toward enemies as well as toward neutral states, and it was not due to this government that it was, a short time ago, not in harmony with the Washington cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian government), in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-Hungary, regarding principally as a question of humanity."

"The imperial and royal government can also substantially concur in the principle expressed in the very esteemed note, that private ships, in so far as they do not flee or offer resistance, may not be destroyed without the persons aboard being brought to safety."

"The imperial and royal government is very responsive to the assurance that the federal government lays value upon seeing that the good relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America are maintained. It reciprocates this assurance most warmly, and is now, as heretofore, concerned to render these relations more hearty, so far as lies in its power."

Result of Investigation

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the Union, the imperial and royal government, although it does not find in the note previously referred to the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate to the federal government the result of the investigation which, in accordance with existing departmental regulations, was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Ancona, and which was just recently received."

"The result of this investigation may be summarized as follows: On Nov. 7, 1915, at 11:40 o'clock in the forenoon, the commander of the submarine observed in latitude 35.40 north longitude 16.08 east in foggy weather at a distance roundly 3000 metres and one point to starboard the outlines of a large Italian steamer. He took it at first for a transport steamer and turned about and fired from his rear gun a warning shot far from the vessel."

"Simultaneously he displayed the signal, Leave the ship, which he observed at a distance roundly 2000 metres. The commander of the submarine, however, did not stop, but rather turned aside and sought to escape. The commander at first remained stopped for some minutes in order to increase the distance, since he feared that the steamer had a stern gun and would fire at the submarine with it."

"When the distance had reached 4500 metres he had the pursuit taken up with full power and fired from his forward gun at a decreasing distance 16 shells, among which he observed three hits. "During the chase the steamer went zigzag, and stopped only after the third hit. Thereupon the commander ceased firing."

"During the flight the steamer had already, while at full speed, for some boats with passengers in them fall, which immediately capsized. After stopping, the steamer began lurching boats."

"From a distance of about 2000 metres the commander saw that six boats were filled and rowed hastily away from the steamer. Another boat was capsized and floated keel up. The people held on to the hanging lines and to the capsized boat."

Great Panic Aboard

"During the further approach of the submarine the commander saw that a great panic reigned aboard and that he had to deal with a passenger steamer, namely, the Ancona, from Genoa. Therefore, he gave the occupants of the steamer more time than was required to leave the ship in lifeboats."

"At least 10 lifeboats were still aboard, which would have more than sufficed for the rescue of the persons still aboard. One of these boats hung, full of people, half turned outward on the davits. "Since, however, except for this, no further move was made to lower boats, the commander decided after a lapse of 45 minutes to torpedo the ship in such a manner that it should remain a considerable time afloat, in order that, on the one hand, the getting of the people into the lifeboats should be hastened and that on the other, adequate opportunity should remain for rescuing the persons still aboard."

"Shortly thereafter a steamer became visible which was throwing out heavy clouds of smoke and headed toward the Ancona. It apparently had been summoned by the Ancona's wireless."

"Since the submarine commander had to reckon on an attack by a steamer which he took for an enemy cruiser, he submerged, after having, at 12:35 o'clock in the afternoon, had a torpedo fired into the forward baggage hold of the Ancona, from a distance of 500 metres. The Ancona listed about 10 degrees to starboard after this shot."

"Thereupon an effort was made to lower the lifeboat which already was half turned out on the davits. It broke loose, however, and fell into the water. The lifeboat floated keel down farther on, and the people held fast to the gunwale."

Steamer on Even Keel

"Of the other boats none was lowered into the

water although persons could still be observed aboard. The steamer gradually righted itself to an even keel and settled so slowly that the submarine commander at first doubted whether the steamer would sink. Not until 1:20 o'clock did it sink after a lengthy parallel settling with the bow first."

"During these further 45 minutes all persons yet aboard could have been saved with difficulty with the boats still on hand."

"From the fact that this, contrary to his expectations, was done, the commander concluded that the crew, contrary to all seamen's customs, had accomplished their own rescue with the first boats and abandoned to themselves the passengers entrusted to their protection."

"The weather at the time of the incident was good and so certain that the lifeboats could have reached the nearest coast without danger, as, indeed, the lifeboats actually were damaged only by the unskilled lowering, but not after they had struck the water."

"The loss of the human lives is, in the first instance, by no means ascribable to the sinking of the ship, but, and in all probability, in a much higher measure, to the rapid lowering (thundering) of the boats during full speed, as well as to the fact that the crew, concerned only for itself, did not rescue the passengers of the capsized boats."

"It is also probably ascribable to shots which hit the fleeing vessel, but the death of persons who sank with the steamer is, also, above all, ascribable to the disloyal conduct of the crew."

Incorrect Premises

"As appears from the above adduced state of affairs, the very esteemed note of Dec. 9 is based in many points on incorrect premises. Information reaching the United States government that solid shot was immediately fired toward the steamer is incorrect; it is incorrect that the submarine overhauled the steamer during the chase; it is incorrect that only a brief period was given for getting the people into the boats."

"On the contrary, an unusually long period was granted to the Ancona for getting passengers in the boats."

"Finally, it is incorrect that number of shells were still fired at the steamer after it had stopped. "The facts of the case demonstrate further that the commander of the submarine granted the steamer a full 45 minutes' time, that is, more than an adequate period to give the persons aboard an opportunity to take to the boats. Then, since the people were not all saved, he carried out the torpedoing in such a manner that the ship could remain above water the longest possible time, doing this with the purpose of making possible the abandonment of the vessel on boats still in hand."

"Since the ship remained a further 45 minutes above water, he would have accomplished his purpose if the crew of the Ancona had not abandoned the passengers in a manner contrary to duty. With full consideration, however, of this conduct of the commander, aimed at accomplishing the rescue of the crew and passengers, the imperial and royal marine authorities reached the conclusion that he had omitted to take adequately into consideration the panic that broke out among the passengers, which rendered difficult the taking to the boats, and the spirit of the regulation that imperial and royal marine officers shall fail in giving help to nobody in need, not even to an enemy."

"Therefore, the officer was punished in accordance with the existing rules, for exceeding his instructions."

"The imperial and royal government in the face of this state of affairs does not hesitate to draw the corresponding conclusions respecting the indemnification of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize, but in this regard it makes the following statement:

"The investigation into the sinking of the Ancona could naturally furnish no essential point to show in how far a right to an indemnity is to be granted American citizens. The imperial and royal government cannot, indeed, even according to the view of the Washington cabinet he held liable for damages which resulted from the undoubtedly justified bombardment of the fleeing ship."

"It should just as little have to answer for the damages which came to pass before the torpedoing of the ship through the faulty lowering of lifeboats or the capsizing of the lowered boats."

"The imperial and royal government must assume that the Washington government is in a position and disposed to give it (the Austro-Hungarian government), the required, and certainly not unimportant, information in this respect."

Will Disregard Gap in Proof

"If, however, because of possible lack of material proofs, the particular circumstances under which American citizens suffered damage should not have become known to the Union government, the royal government, in consideration for the humane and deeply regrettable incident and by a desire to proclaim once again its friendly feelings toward the federal government, would be gladly willing to disregard this gap in the case and to extend indemnities also to those damaged whose cause cannot be established."

"While the imperial and royal government may probably consider the affair of the Ancona as settled with the foregoing statements it reserves to itself at this time the right to bring up for discussion at a later period the definite questions of international law connected with submarine warfare."

The undersigned has the honor to request most respectfully that his excellency the ambassador of the United States of America will be pleased to bring the foregoing to the attention of the federal government and takes advantage of this opportunity to renew to his excellency an expression of his most especial esteem."

(Signed)

"BURIK."

ed in the power plant of the building while some expressed the opinion that it broke out in the basement. The fire seemed to creep through the building from the Western avenue and to Fletcher street and then back again. The building was ablaze from top to bottom at the same time. The A. L. Brooks property consists of the frame building where the Pratt & Forrest office is, the building that was wrecked and another brick building separated by a fire wall.

No Accidents

No accidents were reported fortunately. Though the firemen were in the midst of heavy smoke and many appeared to be nearly suffocated, all stuck to their posts until relieved. Glass from the windows and bricks also fell thick around the firemen but none was seriously injured. The ambulance was in the vicinity in event of an injury but was not used.

Previous Fire

It was just two years ago almost to the day that the last big fire occurred at the Pratt & Forrest lumber mill. At that time the building was not so badly damaged, it is said, and was reconstructed at the same walls. During the height of the fire last night it was reported that the wall was sagging after the roof had given away and Chief Saunders ordered all men off ladders. Collins & Hogan carried the insurance on the Merrimack Laundry Company in the name of John J. Haglan, damaged by fire last night.

Fire On Ash Street

While the firemen were battling with

the monster fire in Dutton street, arms from boxes 52 and 51 were sent in for a fire which broke out in the two apartment house numbered 16-18 Ash street. The apparatus from High street, Lawrence street and the protective were despatched to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage was done. The blaze started in a shed in the rear of the building and had gained considerable headway before the apparatus arrived but after the firemen had battled with the blaze for a short time the fire was placed under control, the damage being confined to the rear of the house. The building was formerly the residence of Sheriff Clark but is now occupied by Ray Chappelle and a family named Hawkins.

SAFETY FIRST RINK

Don't forget that Safety First rink will be open today and tomorrow, and will present a smooth, hard surface, despite the snow that may fall. A force of men is always on hand to remove the snow.

Attention is called to the engagement of the Marvellous Nutters, Herr and Fraulein, champion ice skaters of the world at the fancy style. Their combination skating represents the highest ice skating. They will appear next Saturday night.

Fish and Game NOTICE

The next meeting of the Lowell Fish and Game Association will be held in L.O.G.F. Temple, Middlesex street, Tuesday, Jan. 4th at 8 p. m. Members please attend.

Per WILLIS S. HOLT, Secretary.

NEW DANGER THREATENED

Destruction of British Liner With Loss of Americans May Mean Break—Ancona Note

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Destruction of the British liner Persia with possible loss of American lives throws relations between the United States and the Teutonic powers into a new danger.

Coming almost at the hour when a satisfactory adjustment of the delicate situation was at hand by Austria's acceptance of the cardinal points of the American demands in the Ancona case, this new element threatened to complicate affairs with Austria as thoroughly as the destruction of the Arabic, following so closely the Lusitania exchanges brought on a renewed crisis with Germany.

From such incomplete information as was at hand today the two situations are regarded as almost parallel. It was generally presumed in official circles that, as was the case in the crisis with Germany, the Austrian admiralty and the Vienna foreign office were working at cross purposes.

It was regarded as a strong possibility that while the foreign office is ready to accede to the contentions of the United States, the admiralty, bent on the success of its submarine policy, has not yet been brought into line.

There is, however, the added possibility that the submarine which sank the Persia, being far from home, had not been instructed in the new policy of the Austrian government.

The destruction of the Persia coupled with the recent sinking of the Japanese liner Yawaka Maru and the French liner Ville de la Giotat lends strength in official quarters to both these possibilities.

All the agencies of the American government have been set in motion to gather facts on the newest disaster and the fact that Secretary Lansing and other officials today declined to comment in absence of official information does not alter the crucial aspect which this latest development has given to the submarine controversy.

The general view in official quarters was that the position of the United States was sufficiently well known to Austria and the Ancona negotiations have been under way a sufficient length of time to permit instructions to reach the submarine fleet. On every hand the news was received with astonishment.

Consul-General Skinner at London

forwarded what information was available at the British admiralty and his despatch, with unofficial reports of the disaster, was forwarded to President Wilson at Hot Springs. The president will have Austria's satisfactory reply in the Ancona case and the news of the latest submarine disaster before him at the same time.

As in similar cases, the policy of the American government will be to await full and complete information before moving. There is little room to doubt that the incident will mean new diplomatic action in which the United States will present to America in the same forcible manner its unalterable policy that the laws of nations and humanity must be regarded by the belligerents in their warfare at sea.

Severance of diplomatic relations with all its possibilities looms up as one of the eventualities, the same as it did in the case of the Lusitania, the Arabic and the Ancona.

Although the nationality of the submarine which sank the Persia remains unquestioned definitely, as was the case with the Yawaka Maru and the Ville de la Giotat, the assumption generally is that it was an Austrian boat because Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, recently declared that no German or Turkish submarines were operating in the Mediterranean.

The attack on the Persia as she was approaching Alexandria renews attention to the fact that a submarine campaign against allied shipping is being carried on off the entrance to the Suez canal.

AUSTRIA SUBMITS TO U. S.

ROME, Dec. 31, 8:45 p. m. (Dee) layed.—The Tribune in commenting on the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona incident sums up its article in the heading "Austria Submits to America."

SHOULD CLEAR UP QUESTION

COLOGNE, Germany, via London, Jan. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says that a more correct method of clearing up the questions at issue between the United States and Austria than that set forth in the Austrian note is unthinkable.

chance to recuperate. Another was arrested as a suspicious person and was released by the court.

The third offender was George Farmer, who was charged with the larceny of 2 pounds of sole leather from the J. T. Pilling Shoe Co., each pound being valued at 40 cents. Farmer denied his guilt and his case was continued till Monday morning.

HUSBAND OF AMERICAN BORN WOMAN NAMED FOR VICEROY OF BRITISH INDIA



MR. AND MRS. LEWIS VERNON HARCOURT

The report that Lewis Vernon Harcourt would be appointed viceroy of India by King George was especially interesting to Americans, for Mrs. Harcourt is of American birth and a niece of the late J. Pierpont Morgan. The viceroyalty of India is probably the highest office in the gift of the British sovereign. A former vicereine of India was the late Lady Curzon, who was Miss Leiter of Chicago. Mr. Harcourt holds the office of first commissioner of works in the British cabinet and has been secretary of state for the colonies. He is the son of the late Sir William Harcourt, the famous British statesman.

DEATHS

GUTHRIE—Armand, aged one year, died today at the home of the parents, Philip and Dora Guthrie, 55 Vermont avenue, Braintree.

SUFFERED A SHOCK

Frank Provender, whose address could not be learned, was stricken while at work in the Merrimack Manufacturing Co., this noon. He was removed in the ambulance to the Lowell hospital, where it was feared he was suffering from a shock.

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